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[Title of Document] DESCRIPTION

[Title Of Invention] A NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT CONTAINING A NUCLEIC ACID DERIVED FROM THE GENOME OF HEPATITIS C VIRUS (HCV) OF GENOTYPE 2a, AND A CELL HAVING SUCH NUCLEIC ACID CONSTRUCT INTRODUCED THEREIN

[CLAIMS]

[Claim 1]

A replicon RNA, comprising a nucleotide sequence containing at least the 5' untranslated region, the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein and the 3' untranslated region on the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a.

[Claim 2]

The replicon RNA of claim 1, further containing at least one selection marker gene or a reporter gene, and at least one IRES sequence.

[Claim 3]

A replicon RNA, comprising a nucleotide sequence containing the 5' untranslated region comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 9 or 10; at least one selection marker gene or a reporter gene; an IRES sequence; the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein on the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a; and the 3' untranslated region comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 11 or 12.

[Claim 4]

The replicon RNA of any one of claims 1 to 3, wherein the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a is an RNA comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 3 or 5.

[Claim 5]

A replicon RNA, comprising the following RNA (a) or (b):

(a) an RNA comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 or

2; and

(b) an RNA comprising a nucleotide sequence derived from the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2 by deletion, substitution or addition of 1 to 10 nucleotides, and being capable of autonomous replication.

[Claim 6]

A replicon-replicating cell, which is prepared by introducing the replicon RNA of any one of claims 1 to 5 into a cell.

[Claim 7]

The replicon-replicating cell of claim 6, wherein the cell is a eukaryotic cell.

[Claim 8]

The replicon-replicating cell of claim 7, wherein the eukaryotic cell is a human liver-derived cell.

[Claim 9]

The replicon-replicating cell of claim 7, wherein the eukaryotic cell is any one cell selected from the group consisting of an Huh7 cell.

[Claim 10]

The replicon RNA of any one of claims 1 to 5, which is for producing or evaluating a therapeutic agent or a diagnostic agent for treatment of hepatitis C virus infection.

[Claim 11]

The replicon-replicating cell of any one of claims 6 to 9, which is for producing or evaluating a therapeutic agent or a diagnostic agent for treatment of hepatitis C virus infection.

[Claim 12]

The replicon RNA of any one of claims 1 to 5, which is for producing a vaccine against hepatitis C virus infection.

[Claim 13]

The replicon-replicating cell of any one of claims 6 to 9, which is for producing a vaccine against hepatitis C virus infection.

[Claim 14]

A method of producing a replicon RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, comprising extracting the replicon RNA from the replicon-replicating cell of any one of claims 6 to 9.

[Claim 15]

A method of producing a viral protein of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, comprising culturing the replicon-replicating cell of any one of claims 6 to 9, and obtaining the viral protein from the resulting culture product.

[Claim 16]

A method of screening for a substance promoting or suppressing the replication of hepatitis C virus, comprising culturing the replicon-replicating cell of any one of claims 6 to 9 in the presence of a test substance, and detecting the replication of a replicon RNA in the resulting culture product.

[Claim 17]

A method of introducing a mutation that increases the replication efficiency to the replicon RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, comprising performing once or more the following: obtaining a replicated replicon RNA from the replicon-replicating cell of any one of claims 6 to 9, and introducing the thus obtained replicated replicon RNA into a cell that is different from the replicon-replicating cell so as to prepare a new replicon-replicating cell.

[Claim 18]

The method of claim 17, wherein the replication efficiency increases to become at least two times greater than that of the replicon RNA that is introduced at the beginning into the replicon-replicating cell.

[Claim 19]

A method of producing a replicon RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a having increased replication efficiency, comprising performing once or more the following: obtaining a replicated replicon RNA from the replicon-replicating cell of any one of claims 6 to 9, and introducing the thus obtained replicated replicon

RNA into a cell that is different from the replicon-replicating cell so as to prepare a new replicon-replicating cell; and obtaining a replicated replicon RNA from the finally obtained replicon-replicating cell.

[Claim 20]

A method of producing a replicon RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a having increased replication efficiency, comprising detecting a nucleotide mutation or an amino acid mutation between the replicon RNA that is produced so as to have an increased replication efficiency by the method of claim 19 and the replicon RNA that is introduced at the beginning into the replicon-replicating cell; and introducing the thus detected nucleotide mutation or amino acid mutation into a replicon RNA whose replication efficiency is to be increased.

[Claim 21]

A replicon RNA, comprising a nucleotide sequence derived from the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 by at least one mutation selected from the group consisting of the following (a) to (h):

(a) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 7157;

(b) a mutation from C to U at nucleotide site 4955;

(c) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 4936;

(d) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 5000;

(e) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 7288;

(f) a mutation from G to U at nucleotide site 5901;

(g) a mutation from A to U at nucleotide site 6113; and

(h) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 2890.

[Detailed Description of Invention]

[0001]

[Technical Field of Invention]

The present invention relates to a replicon RNA of the hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, a replicon-replicating cell wherein the replicon RNA is introduced, and a method of increasing the replication efficiency of the replicon RNA.

[0002]

[Conventional Art]

The hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a virus belonging to the family Flaviviridae. It has a single-stranded (+) strand sense RNA as its genome and is known to cause hepatitis C. Recent studies have revealed that Hepatitis C virus is classified into a number of types based on genotypes or serotypes. According to the phylogenetic analysis of Simmonds et al., using the nucleotide sequences of the HCV strains, which is currently a mainstream method of classifying HCV genotypes, HCV is classified into 6 genotypes: genotype 1a, genotype 1b, genotype 2a, genotype 2b, genotype 3a and genotype 3b (see Non Patent Literature 1). Each of these types is further classified into several subtypes. The nucleotide sequences of the full-length genomes of a several number of genotypes of HCV have been determined to date (see Patent Literature 1 and Non Patent Literatures 2-5).

[0003]

HCV causes chronic hepatitis by persistent infection. Currently, the main cause of chronic hepatitis observed worldwide is persistent HCV infection. Actually, around 50% of individuals with persistent infection develop chronic hepatitis. Chronic hepatitis in approximately 20% of these patients shifts to liver cirrhosis over the course of 10 to 20 years, and some of these patients further go on to advanced lethal pathological conditions such as hepatic cancer.

[0004]

Hepatitis C is currently treated mainly by a therapy using interferon-α or interferon-β, or a therapy using in combination interferon-α and ribavirin, the purine-nucleoside derivative. However, even when these therapies are performed, the therapeutic effects are observed in only approximately 60% of all the treated patients. When the therapies are ceased after the exertion of the effects, the disease recrudesces in more than half of the patients. The therapeutic effect of interferones is known to relate to HCV genotypes, and is said to be lower

against genotype 1b and higher against genotype 2a (see Non Patent Literature 6).

[0005]

It is an important goal to develop therapeutic agents or prophylactic agents effective against hepatitis C, the incidence rate of which is high in industrial countries, for which currently no causal treatment are present, and which finally bring about serious results. Hence, the development of HCV-specific chemotherapies and vaccine therapies are earnestly desired. A target for the development of an anti-HCV agent may be the suppression of HCV replication or the suppression of infection of cells with HCV.

[0006]

Until recently, propagation of HCV in a cell culture system and infecting cultured cells with HCV have been difficult. Moreover, a chimpanzee has been the only animal that can be infected with HCV and can be used in experiments, so that it has been difficult to carry out studies on the replication mechanism of HCV and the infection mechanism of HCV. However, recently, HCV subgenomic RNA replicons have been prepared as HCV-derived autonomously replicable RNA (see Patent Literature 2 and Non Patent Literatures 7-10), which enables the analysis of the replication mechanism of HCV using cultured cells. These HCV subgenomic RNA replicons are each prepared by substituting structural proteins existing downstream of HCV IRES in the 5' untranslated region of the HCV genomic RNA of genotype 1b with a neomycin resistance gene and EMCV IRES that has been ligated downstream of the resistance gene. It has been demonstrated that this RNA replicon is autonomously replicated in human hepatic cancer cells, Huh7 cells, when introduced into the Huh7 cells followed by culture in the presence of neomycin.

[0007]

However, regarding such intracellular RNA replication systems for HCV, only those using HCV genomic RNA of genotype 1b have been prepared so far. Since there has been a report that different genotypes of HCV differ also in viral

proteins encoded, it may be difficult to sufficiently elucidate the replication mechanism of HCV only by analyzing the subgenomic RNA replicons derived from HCV of genotype 1b. Furthermore, based on the fact that the therapeutic effects of interferons differ depending on the HCV genotypes, it may be particularly difficult to develop an anti-HCV agent having an effect on various types of HCV by the use of only an HCV replication system containing the subgenomic RNA replicon of HCV of genotype 1b.

[0008]

[Patent Literature 1] JP Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 2002-171978 A

[Patent Literature 2] JP Patent Publication (Kokai) No. 2001-17187 A

[Non Patent Literature 1] Simmonds, P. et al, Hepatology, (1994) 10, pp. 1321-1324

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[Non Patent Literature 7] Lohmann et al., Science, (1999) 285, pp. 110-113

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[0009]

[Problem to be Solved by Invention]

An object of the present invention is to provide an HCV-derived replicon RNA of a HCV genotype for which replicon RNA has not yet been prepared.

[0010]

[Means for Solving the Problem]

As a result of intensive studies to achieve the above object, we have

succeeded in preparing the replicon RNA of HCV genotype 2a.

[0011]

That is, the present invention is as follows.

[1] A replicon RNA, comprising a nucleotide sequence containing at least the 5' untranslated region, the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein and the 3' untranslated region on the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a. Preferably, this replicon RNA further contains at least one selection marker gene or a reporter gene, and at least one IRES sequence.

[2] A replicon RNA, comprising a nucleotide sequence containing the 5' untranslated region comprising the sequence represented by either SEQ ID NO: 9 or 10; at least one selection marker gene or a reporter gene; an IRES sequence; the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein on the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a; and the 3' untranslated region comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by either SEQ ID NO: 11 or 12.

[3] The replicon RNA of [1] or [2] above, wherein the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a is an RNA comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 3 or 5.

[4] A replicon RNA, comprising the following RNA (a) or (b):

(a) an RNA comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2; and

(b) an RNA comprising a nucleotide sequence derived from the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2 by deletion, substitution or addition of 1 to 10 nucleotides, and being capable of autonomous replication.

[5] A replicon-replicating cell, which is prepared by introducing the replicon RNA of any one of [1] to [4] above into a cell. For this replicon-replicating cell, a cell into which the replicon RNA is introduced is preferably a eukaryotic cell, more preferably a human liver-derived cell, and further more preferably an Huh7 cell.

[6] The replicon RNA of [1] to [4] above, which is for producing or evaluating a therapeutic agent or a diagnostic agent for treatment of hepatitis C virus infection.

[7] The replicon-replicating cell of [5] above, which is for producing or evaluating a therapeutic agent or a diagnostic agent for treatment of hepatitis C virus infection.

[8] The replicon RNA of [1] to [4] above, which is for producing a vaccine against hepatitis C virus infection.

[9] The replicon-replicating cell of [5] above, which is for producing a vaccine against hepatitis C virus infection.

[10] A method of producing a replicon RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, comprising extracting the replicon RNA from the replicon-replicating cell of [5] above.

[11] A method of producing a viral protein of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, comprising culturing the replicon-replicating cell of [5] above, and obtaining the viral protein from the resulting culture product.

[12] A method of screening for a substance promoting or suppressing the replication of hepatitis C virus, comprising culturing the replicon-replicating cell of [5] above in the presence of a test substance, and detecting the replication of a replicon RNA in the resulting culture product.

[13] A method of introducing a mutation that increases the replication efficiency to the replicon RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, comprising performing once or more the following: obtaining a replicated replicon RNA from the replicon-replicating cell of [5] above, and introducing the thus obtained replicated replicon RNA into a cell that is different from the replicon-replicating cell so as to prepare a new replicon-replicating cell. In this method, it is more preferred that the replication efficiency increases to become preferably at least two times greater than that of the replicon RNA that is introduced at the beginning into the replicon-replicating cell.

[14] A method of producing a replicon RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a

having increased replication efficiency, comprising performing once or more the following: obtaining a replicated replicon RNA from the replicon-replicating cell of [5] above, and introducing the thus obtained replicated replicon RNA into a cell that is different from the replicon-replicating cell so as to prepare a new replicon-replicating cell; and obtaining a replicated replicon RNA from the finally obtained replicon-replicating cell.

[15] A method of producing a replicon RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a having increased replication efficiency, comprising detecting a nucleotide mutation or an amino acid mutation between the replicon RNA that is produced so as to have an increased replication efficiency by the method of [14] above and the replicon RNA that is introduced at the beginning into the replicon-replicating cell; and introducing the thus detected nucleotide mutation or amino acid mutation into a replicon RNA whose replication efficiency is to be increased.

[16] A replicon RNA, comprising a nucleotide sequence derived from the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 by at least one mutation selected from the group consisting of the following (a) to (h):

(a) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 7157;

(b) a mutation from C to U at nucleotide site 4955;

(c) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 4936;

(d) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 5000;

(e) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 7288;

(f) a mutation from G to U at nucleotide site 5901;

(g) a mutation from A to U at nucleotide site 6113; and

(h) a mutation from A to G at nucleotide site 2890.

[0012]

[Mode for Carrying out Invention]

The present invention is explained in detail as follows.

1. HCV-derived replicon RNA according to the present invention

The genome of hepatitis C virus (HCV) is a single-stranded (+) strand

RNA comprising approximately 9600 nucleotides. This genomic RNA comprises the 5' untranslated region (also denoted as 5' NTR or 5' UTR), a translated region composed of a structural region and a non-structural region and the 3' untranslated region (also denoted as 3' NTR or 3' UTR). HCV structural proteins are encoded in the structural region, and a plurality of non-structural proteins are encoded in the non-structural region.

[0013]

Such HCV structural proteins and non-structural proteins are generated through the translation into a continuous form thereof, a polyprotein, from the translated region, restricted degradation of the polyprotein by protease, and then the release of the structural proteins (Core, E1 and E2) and non-structural proteins (NS2, NS3, NS4A, NS4B, NS5A and NS5B), respectively. Among these structural proteins and non-structural proteins, that is, viral proteins of HCV, Core is a core protein, E1 and E2 are envelope proteins, and non-structural proteins (NS2, NS3, NS4A, NS4B, NS5A and NS5B) are proteins involved in virus's own replication. NS2 is known to have metalloprotease activity, and NS3 is known to have serine protease activity (at one-third of the N terminal side) and helicase activity (at two-thirds of the C-terminal side). Furthermore, NS4A is a cofactor for protease activity of NS3, and NS5B has been reported to have RNA-dependent RNA polymerase activity. Furthermore, the genome of HCV of genotype 2a has already been reported to have a similar gene structure (see Patent Literature 1).

[0014]

We have constructed RNA capable of autonomous replication using such HCV genome of genotype 2a. Specifically, the HCV-derived replicon RNA of the present invention is an RNA construct, which contains the whole or partial RNA of the HCV genome of genotype 2a and is capable of autonomous replication.

[0015]

In this specification, RNA that is prepared by altering the viral genome of HCV and is capable of autonomous replication is referred to as "replicon RNA" or

"RNA replicon." RNA that is artificially prepared from HCV of genotype 2a and is capable of autonomous replication is referred to as "replicon RNA derived from HCV of genotype 2a." In this specification, the HCV-derived replicon RNA is also referred to as an HCV-RNA replicon.

[0016]

In the present invention, "hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a" or "HCV of genotype 2a" means hepatitis C virus identified as genotype 2a according to the international classification of Simmonds et al. The "hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a" or the "HCV of genotype 2a" of the present invention encompasses not only a virus having naturally occurring HCV genomic RNA, but also a virus having genomic RNA prepared by artificially altering a naturally occurring HCV genomic sequence. Specific examples of HCV of genotype 2a include viruses of JFH-1 strain and the JCH-1 strain (see Patent Literature 1).

[0017]

Furthermore, "the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a" means RNA that comprises the single-stranded (+) strand sense RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a and has the nucleotide sequence throughout the entire region of its genome. The genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a is preferably RNA comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 3 or 5, but is not limited thereto.

[0018]

In the specification of the present application, "5' untranslated region" (5'NTR or 5'UTR), "a sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein," "a sequence encoding Core protein" (Core region or C region), "a sequence encoding E1 protein" (E1 region), "a sequence encoding E2 protein" (E2 region), "a sequence encoding N2 protein" (NS2 region), "a sequence encoding NS3 protein" (NS3 region), "a sequence encoding NS4A protein" (NS4A region), "a sequence encoding NS4B protein" (NS4B region), "a sequence encoding NS5A protein" (NS5A region), "a sequence

encoding NS5B protein" (NS5B region) and "3' untranslated region" (3' NTR or 3' UTR), and other specific regions or sites are determined based on the nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 of the full-length cDNA (JFH-1 clone) encoding the entire region of the genome of the JFH-1 strain, which is HCV of genotype 2a. The nucleotide sequence of SEQ ID NO: 3 can be obtained from the International DNA Data Bank (DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank) by referring to the accession No. AB047639. Specifically, when a particular HCV RNA sequence is aligned with the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 3, a sequence to be aligned with nucleotides 1 to 340 on the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 3 is "5' untranslated region" of the RNA, a sequence to be aligned with the nucleotides 3431 to 9442 on the same are a sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein, a sequence to be aligned with the nucleotides 3431 to 5323 on the same is "a sequence encoding NS3 protein," a sequence to be aligned with the nucleotides 5324 to 5485 on the same is "a sequence encoding NS4A protein," a sequence to be aligned with the nucleotides 5486 to 6268 on the same is a sequence encoding NS4B protein," a sequence to be aligned with the nucleotides 6269 to 7666 on the same is "a sequence encoding NS5A protein," a sequence to be aligned with the nucleotides 7667 to 9442 on the same is "a sequence encoding NS5B protein," and a sequence to be aligned with the nucleotides 9443 to 9678 on the same is "3' untranslated region." Furthermore, in this case, gaps, additions, deletions, substitutions or the like may be present in the "aligned" sequences. Furthermore, the above "particular HCV" is not limited thereto, and includes the JFH-1 strain or JCH-1 strain, or viral strains that are derivatives thereof.

[0019]

One embodiment of the HCV RNA-replicon according to the present invention is a replicon RNA comprising a nucleotide sequence containing at least the 5' untranslated region, a sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein, and the 3' untranslated region on the

genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a. The replicon RNA may further contain at least one selection marker gene or one reporter gene, and at least one IRES sequence. Furthermore, this replicon RNA may also contain a sequence encoding a viral protein other than NS3, NS4A, NS4B, NS5A and NS5B proteins on the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a.

[0020]

Another preferred embodiment of HCV RNA-replicon according to the present invention is a replicon RNA comprising a nucleotide sequence containing the 5' untranslated region comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 9 or 10, at least one selection marker gene or reporter gene, the IRES sequence, a sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein on the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, and the 3' untranslated region comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 11 or 12. In this case the nucleotide sequences represented by SEQ ID NO: 9 and 10 are sequences of the 5' untranslated regions of rSGREP-JFH1 (SEQ ID NO: 1) and rSGREP-JCH1 (SEQ ID NO: 2), respectively, which are replicon RNAs according to the present invention. Furthermore, the nucleotide sequences represented by SEQ ID NO: 11 and 12 are sequences of the 3' untranslated regions of rSGREP-JFH1 (SEQ ID NO: 1) and rSGREP-JCH1 (SEQ ID NO: 2), respectively, which are replicon RNAs according to the present invention.

[0021]

A more preferred embodiment of HCV RNA-replicon according to the present invention is a replicon RNA comprised of an RNA comprising the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2. Furthermore, a replicon RNA comprising a nucleotide sequence derived from the nucleotide sequence represented by SEQ ID NO: 1 or 2 by deletion, substitution or addition of 1 to 50, 1 to 30, 1 to 10, 1 to 6, or 1 to several (2 to 5) nucleotides, and being capable of autonomous replication is also included in the scope of the present invention as a

preferred embodiment. In the present invention, "capable of autonomous replication" means that when replicon RNA is introduced into a cell, the replicon RNA allows its own full-length sequence to be replicated within the cell. For example, this ability of autonomous replication can be confirmed by transfecting replicon RNA into Huh7 cells, culturing the Huh7 cells, extracting RNA from the cells in the thus resulting culture product and conducting Northern blot hybridization for the extracted RNA using a probe that can specifically detect the transfected replicon RNA so as to detect the presence of the replicon RNA. However, examples of such a method are not limited thereto. Specific procedures for confirming the ability of autonomous replication can be conducted according to descriptions given in the Examples of this specification such as those for measuring the ability of colony formation, those for confirming the expression of HCV proteins or those for detecting replicon RNA.

[0022]

In the present invention, a "selection marker gene" means a gene that can provide a cell with selectivity such that only the cell expressing the gene is selected. A general example of a selection marker gene is an antibiotic resistance gene. In the present invention, preferred examples of a selection marker gene include a neomycin resistance gene, a thymidine kinase gene, a kanamycin resistance gene, a pyrithiamine resistance gene, an adenylyl transferase gene, a Zeocin resistance gene and a puromycin resistance gene. The neomycin resistance gene and the thymidine kinase gene are preferred, and the neomycin resistance gene is more preferred. However, the selection marker gene in the present invention is not limited to these genes.

[0023]

Furthermore in the present invention, a "reporter gene" means a marker gene encoding a gene product that is a marker for the expression of the gene. General examples of a reporter gene include structural genes of enzymes that catalyze light emitting reaction or color reaction. Preferred examples of the

reporter gene in the present invention include a transposon Tn9-derived chloramphenicol acetyltransferase gene, an Escherichia coli-derived β glucuronidase or β galactosidase gene, a luciferase gene, a green fluorescence protein gene, an aequorin gene from jellyfish, and a secreted placental alkaline phosphatase (SEAP) gene. However, the reporter gene in the present invention is not limited to these genes.

[0024]

Either only one or both of the above selection marker gene and reporter gene may be contained in replicon RNA.

[0025]

In the present invention, "IRES sequence" means an internal ribosome entry site that allows translation to be initiated by binding ribosomes within the inside of RNA. Preferred examples of IRES sequence in the present invention include, but are not limited to, EMCV IRES (the internal ribosome entry site of encephalomyocarditis virus), FMDV IRES and HCV IRES. EMCV IRES and HCV IRES are more preferred, and EMCV IRES is the most preferred sequence.

[0026]

The replicon RNA according to the present invention may further contain a sequence on the genomic RNA of another HCV strain or HCV of another genotype. For example, the replicon RNA may also contain a fragment of HCV genome of genotype 1b. Examples of another HCV strain include, but are not limited to, HCV-1, HCV-H, HC-J1, HCT-18, H77, DK-7, US11, S14, HCT23, HCV-Th, DR1, DR4, HCT27, S18, SW1, DK9, H90, TD-6E1, S9, HCV-BK, T10, DK1, HC-J4, HCV-J, HK3, HK8, HK5, HCV-G3, IND5, IND8, P10, D1, D3, SW2, T3, S45, SA10, US6, HCV-JK1, HCV-JK4, HCV-JK3, HCV-JK2, HCV-JT, HC-J2, HCV-T, HK4, HC-G9, Z1, Bi, S. I., Cho, J.M., HCV-J6, T4, T9, US10, HC-J5, T2, HC-J7, DK11, SW3, DK8, T8, HC-J8, S83, HK2, HC-J6, HC-J8, BEBE1, HCV-J6, HCV-J8, HD10-2, BR36-9, S52, S54, S2, BR33-1, HK10, DK12, HCV-TR, BA-1, BA-2, DK13, Z1, Z4, Z6, Z7, HK2, SA1, SA4, SA5, SA7, SA13, SA6, NZL1, SA30, EG-

13, HCV-K3a/650, ED43, EUH1480, EUHK2, Th580, VN235, VN405, VN004, JK049, JK046, JFH-1, JCH-1, JCH-2, JCH-3, JCH-4, JCH-5, JCH-6, J6CF and H77.

[0027]

The replicon RNA according to the present invention preferably has the 5' untranslated region on the genomic RNA of HCV of genotype 2a on the 5'-most side, and the 3 'untranslated region on the genomic RNA of HCV of genotype 2a on the 3'-most side. A selection marker gene or a reporter gene may be ligated upstream of the IRES sequence, or upstream or downstream of "the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein," or inserted in the middle of "the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein."

[0028]

The replicon RNA according to the present invention more preferably has the 5' untranslated region on the genomic RNA of HCV of genotype 2a on the 5'-most side, and a selection marker gene or a reporter gene, the IRES sequence and "the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein" downstream of the 5' untranslated region in this order, and the 3' untranslated region on the genomic RNA of HCV of genotype 2a on the 3'-most side.

[0029]

Examples of the replicon RNA according to the present invention may include an RNA containing any foreign gene to be expressed within a cell into which the replicon RNA is introduced, in addition to the sequences as described above. A foreign gene may also be ligated downstream of the 5' untranslated region, or ligated upstream or downstream of a selection marker gene or a reporter gene, or ligated upstream or downstream of "the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein," or may be inserted in the middle of "the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein,

NS5A protein and NS5B protein." A replicon RNA containing a foreign gene can express a protein encoded by the foreign gene when it is translated within a cell into which the RNA is introduced. Thus, the replicon RNA containing a foreign gene can be appropriately used also for gene therapy or the like, the purpose of which is to generate a particular gene product within a cell.

[0030]

The replicon RNA according to the present invention may further contain a ribozyme. A ribozyme is inserted to ligate a selection marker gene, a reporter gene or a foreign gene on the 5' side in the replicon RNA to those located on the 3' side thereof including the IRES sequence and "the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein," so that it enables cleavage and separation of the two by the self-cleavage activity of the ribozyme.

[0031]

In the replicon RNA according to the present invention, the above described selection marker gene, reporter gene, sequences encoding viral proteins on the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, sequences encoding viral proteins of HCV of a genotype other than genotype 2a, a foreign gene or the like are ligated so that they are translated from the replicon RNA in the correct reading frame. Among these sequences, the protein-coding sequences may be ligated to each other via a protease cleavage site and the like, so that after the proteins are expressed as a fusion protein with the polyprotein that is translated from "the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein" of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a, the fusion protein is separated by protease into each protein.

[0032]

2. Preparation of replicon RNA according to the present invention

The HCV RNA-replicon according to the present invention can be prepared using any genetic engineering techniques known by persons skilled in the art. The HCV RNA-replicon can be prepared by, for example, the following method,

but the method of preparation is not limited thereto.

[0033]

First, DNA corresponding to the entire region of the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a is ligated downstream of an RNA promoter according to a standard procedure so as to prepare a DNA clone. As used herein, "DNA corresponding to RNA" means a DNA having a nucleotide sequence derived from the nucleotide sequence of the RNA by substituting U (uracil) with T (thymine). The above RNA promoter is preferably an RNA promoter contained in a plasmid clone. An example of an RNA promoter is not limited, but T7 RNA promoter is particularly preferred.

[0034]

Next, for the thus prepared DNA clone, for example, the structural region (Core sequence, E1 sequence and E2 sequence) located downstream of the 5' untranslated region and the sequence encoding NS2 protein are substituted with a DNA fragment containing a selection marker gene or a reporter gene and the IRES sequence ligated downstream thereof. In this substitution, portions other than the structural region, such as a fragment on the 3' terminal side of the 5' untranslated region or a part of the sequence encoding NS3 protein may be substituted with a sequence derived from HCV of another genotype.

[0035]

Subsequently, using the DNA clone after the substitution as a template, RNA is synthesized using RNA polymerase. RNA synthesis can be initiated by a standard procedure from the 5' untranslated region and the IRES sequence. When a template DNA is a plasmid clone, the above DNA region ligated downstream of an RNA promoter is excised by a restriction enzyme from the plasmid clone, and then RNA can be synthesized using the DNA fragment as a template. In addition, preferably the 3' terminus of RNA to be synthesized agrees with the 3' untranslated region of the viral genomic RNA, and no other sequences are added or deleted. The thus synthesized RNA is the replicon RNA according to the present invention.

[0036]

3. Preparation of replicon-replicating cells into which replicon RNA from HCV of genotype 2a is introduced

The replicon RNA that is prepared as described above is introduced into cells in which the replicon RNA should be replicated, so that cells wherein the replicon RNA is continuously replicated can be obtained. In this specification, a cell wherein replicon RNA is continuously replicated is referred to as a "replicon-replicating cell."

[0037]

As a cell into which replicon RNA is introduced, any cell can be used, as long as it can be subcultured. Such a cell is preferably a eukaryotic cell, more preferably a human liver-derived cell, and further preferably Huh7 cells. As these cells, commercially available cells may be utilized, these cells may be obtained from cell depositories, or cell lines established from any cells (e.g., cancer cells or stem cells) may also be used.

[0038]

Introduction of replicon RNA into cells can be performed using any technique known by persons skilled in the art. Examples of such an introduction method include electroporation, a particle gun method, a lipofection method, a calcium phosphate method, a microinjection method and a DEAE sepharose method. The method using electroporation is particularly preferred.

[0039]

A replicon RNA of interest may be introduced alone, or may be introduced after it is mixed with other nucleic acids. To vary the quantity of replicon RNA while keeping RNA quantity to be introduced at a certain level, the replicon RNA of interest is mixed with total cellular RNA extracted from cells into which the RNA is introduced, and then the mixture is used for introduction into cells. The quantity of replicon RNA to be used for introduction into cells may be determined depending on the introduction method employed, and is preferably between 1

picogram and 100 micrograms, and more preferably between 10 picograms and 10 micrograms.

[0040]

When replicon RNA containing a selection marker gene or a reporter gene is used for introduction into cells, cells wherein the replicon RNA is introduced and continuously replicated can be selected utilizing the expression of the selection marker gene or the reporter gene. Specifically, for example, such cells into which replicon RNA has been introduced may be cultured in media whereby the cells can be selected by the expression of the selection marker gene or the reporter gene. As an example, when replicon RNA contains a neomycin resistance gene as a selection marker gene, cells into which replicon RNA has been intracellularly introduced are seeded into a culture dish. After 16 to 24 hours of culture, G418 (neomycin) is added to the culture dish at a concentration of 0.05 milligrams/milliliter to 3.0 milligrams/milliliter. The cells are continuously cultured for preferably 10 days to 40 days and more preferably 14 days to 28 days after seeding, while exchanging the culture solution twice a week. Next, surviving cells are stained with crystal violet, so that cells into which the replicon RNA has been introduced and is being continuously replicated can be selected as formed colonies.

[0041]

Cloned cells can be obtained from the formed colonies by cloning surviving cells by a standard procedure, and then continuing the culture of the cells. The thus obtained cell clone wherein the replicon RNA of interest is continuously replicated is referred to as "a replicon-replicating cell clone" in this specification.

[0042]

Regarding the established cell clone, detection of a replicon RNA that has been replicated from the introduced replicon RNA in the cell clone, confirmation of the presence or the absence of the incorporation of a selection marker gene or a

reporter gene in the introduced replicon RNA into a host genomic DNA, and confirmation of the expression of an HCV protein are preferably carried out to confirm the fact that a replicon RNA of interest is actually and continuously replicated.

[0043]

A replicon RNA that has been replicated from the introduced replicon RNA in the cell clone (in this specification, hereinafter conveniently referred to as "replicated replicon RNA") may be detected according to any RNA detection method known by persons skilled in the art. For example, detection can be performed by conducting the Northern hybridization method for total RNA extracted from the cell clone using as a probe a DNA fragment specific to the introduced replicon RNA.

[0044]

Furthermore, the presence or the absence of the incorporation of a selection marker gene or a reporter gene in the introduced replicon RNA into a host genomic DNA can be confirmed by, for example, performing PCR for the host genomic DNA extracted from the cell clone to amplify at least a part of the selection marker gene or the reporter gene, and then confirming the presence or the absence of the amplified product. However, examples of relevant methods are not limited thereto. A cell clone for which the amplified product is confirmed is considered to have a selection marker gene or a reporter gene incorporated in the host genome. Thus, regarding the cell clone, the replicon RNA itself may not be continuously replicated within the cell. In this case, whether or not the replicon RNA is continuously replicated can be confirmed by conducting an experiment to confirm the expression of an HCV protein, as described below.

[0045]

The expression of an HCV protein can be confirmed by, for example, causing an antibody against an HCV protein to be expressed from the introduced replicon RNA and to react with a protein extracted from a cell clone. This

method can be conducted by any protein detection method known by persons skilled in the art. Specifically, for example, a protein sample extracted from the cell clone is blotted onto a nitrocellulose membrane, with which an anti-HCV protein antibody (e.g., an anti-NS3-specific antibody or an antiserum collected from a hepatitis C patient) is reacted, and then the anti-HCV protein antibody is detected. If the HCV protein is detected among proteins extracted from the cell clone, it can be concluded that this cell clone continuously replicate HCV-derived replicon RNA to express the HCV protein.

[0046]

As described above, cell clones confirmed to continuously replicate a replicon RNA of interest (replicon-replicating cell clones) can be obtained. Furthermore in the present invention, replicon RNA can be obtained by any method known by persons skilled in the art, for example, by extracting RNA from the replicon-replicating cell, and then separating replicon RNA from the RNA by an electrophoresis method. The present invention also relates to such a method of producing replicon RNA. Moreover, preferably, the replicon-replicating cell according to the present invention can be used for producing HCV proteins. Persons skilled in the art can obtain HCV proteins from the replicon-replicating cells according to any standard method. Specifically, for example, a viral protein of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a can be produced by culturing replicon-replicating cells, collecting proteins from the resulting culture product (including cultured cells and culture media) by a standard procedure, and then selectively obtaining viral proteins from the proteins by detection or the like using an anti-HCV protein antibody.

[0047]

Moreover, when the replicon-replicating cell according to the present invention continuously replicates replicon RNA containing a foreign gene, a protein encoded by the foreign gene can be obtained by the expression thereof using the replicon-replicating cell. Specifically, for example, the protein encoded

by a foreign gene can be obtained by culturing replicon-replicating cells, collecting proteins from the resulting culture product (including cultured cells and culture media) by a standard procedure, and then selectively obtaining the protein from among the proteins by detection or the like using an antibody against the protein of interest.

[0048]

4. Introduction of mutation that increases replication efficiency into replicon RNA from HCV of genotype 2a

Mutation producing enhancement of replication efficiency frequently takes place in the replicon RNA that is replicated or generated in the replicon-replicating cell (replicated replicon RNA) according to the present invention. Such a mutation may be an adaptive mutation.

[0049]

Utilizing this fact, introduction of a mutation enhancing replication efficiency into the replicon RNA according to the present invention can be promoted in the present invention.

[0050]

Specifically, the step comprising obtaining a first replicated replicon RNA by extraction or the like from a first replicon-replicating cell (preferably, a replicon-replicating cell, wherein the replicon RNA according to the present invention has been introduced), and then re-introducing the first replicated replicon RNA into another cell to prepare a second replicon-replicating cell is performed repeatedly once or more, preferably 1 to 10 times, more preferably 1 to 5 times, and further preferably 1 to 2 times, so that the mutation increasing replication efficiency can be introduced at a high frequency into the replicon RNA within the replicon-replicating cells.

[0051]

As a cell into which a replicated replicon RNA is re-introduced, any cell can be used. Such a cell is preferably derived from a biological species that is

the same as that of a cell wherein replicon RNA is introduced at the beginning, more preferably derived from the same tissue derived from the same biological species as that of a cell wherein replicon RNA is introduced at the beginning, and further preferably of a cell line that is the same as that for a cell wherein replicon RNA is introduced at the beginning.

[0052]

Therefore in the present invention, using the above method, replicon RNA wherein the mutation increasing replication efficiency is introduced can be produced. Specifically, the step comprising obtaining a first replicated replicon RNA by extraction or the like from a first replicon-replicating cell (preferably, a replicon-replicating cell, into which the replicon RNA according to the present invention has been introduced), and then re-introducing the first replicated replicon RNA into another cell so as to prepare a second replicon-replicating cell is performed repeatedly once or more, preferably 1 to 10 times, more preferably 1 to 5 times, and further preferably 1 to 2 times. Subsequently, the replicated replicon RNA is obtained by extraction or the like from the replicon-replicating cell finally obtained at the end of the repeated steps, so that replicon RNA with increased replication efficiency can be produced.

[0053]

In the present invention, the replication efficiency of a replicon RNA can be increased at least 2 times, preferably 10 to 100 times, and more preferably 100 to 10000 times by the above method.

[0054]

Regarding the replicon RNA that is produced by such a method so as to have increased replication efficiency, the nucleotide sequence is preferably determined by a known method, for example, by obtaining cDNA by reverse transcription PCR and subjecting such cDNA to sequencing. Furthermore, the thus determined nucleotide sequence or the amino acid sequence encoded by the nucleotide sequence is compared with the nucleotide sequence of replicon RNA

that had been introduced at the beginning into cells, so that adaptive mutation can be identified. As adaptive mutation increasing replication efficiency, in particular, nonsynonymous substitution that mutates an amino acid in a viral protein encoded by replicon RNA is preferred.

[0055]

The present invention also provides a method whereby the replicon RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a having increased replication efficiency can be produced by introducing the thus identified adaptive mutation into replicon RNA, the replication efficiency of which is to be increased, by a standard procedure.

[0056]

The replicon RNA that is produced as described above so as to have increased replication efficiency can be used for producing replicon RNA in large quantity within cells that have been used for the method.

[0057]

The replication efficiency of the replicon RNA according to the present invention can be determined by a method known by persons skilled in the art. For example, it can be determined according to the following method. Replicon RNAs are transfected in quantities of 0.0001, 0.0003, 0.001, 0.003, 0.01, 0.03, 0.1, 0.3 and 1.0 micrograms, respectively, into Huh7 cells, selective culture with G418 is performed for 21 days in a method similar to the above experimental techniques, and then the number of colonies formed (number of colonies) is counted. The quantity of RNA introduced is compared with the number of colonies formed to determine the range of the quantity of the replicon RNA introduced, within which colony formation increases in a quantity-dependent manner. The number of colonies formed within the range is divided by the quantity of RNA introduced, and the resulting value is regarded as the colony forming activity per microgram. This equation is as follows.

Colony forming activity [(Colony Forming Unit, or CFU)/microgram] = Number of colonies formed [colony] / quantity of RNA introduced [microgram]

[0058]

The thus calculated colony forming activity is regarded as a value representing the replication efficiency of replicon RNA introduced. Specifically, the higher the colony forming activity, the higher the replication efficiency of the replicon RNA.

[0059]

In addition, the replication efficiency of replicon RNA can also be shown via a colony-forming ability that is represented by the number of copies of the replicon RNA introduced per formed colony. That is, in this case, the ability can be calculated according to the following equation.

Colony forming ability = number of copies of replicon RNA introduced [copy] / number of formed colonies [colony]

[0060]

5. Other embodiments of the present invention

The replicon RNA-replicating cell according to the present invention can also be used as a test system for, for example, screening for a substance that promotes or suppresses the replication of hepatitis C virus. Specifically, for example, replicon replicating cells are cultured in the presence of a test substance, replication of the replicon RNA in the resulting culture product is detected, and then whether or not the test substance promotes or suppresses the replication of the replicon RNA is determined, so that a substance that promotes or suppresses the replication of hepatitis C virus can be screened for. In this case, detection of the replication of the replicon RNA in the resulting culture product may be conducted by detecting the quantity of, or the presence or the absence of, the replicon RNA in the RNAs extracted from the replicon RNA-replicating cell, or by detecting the quantity of, or the presence or the absence of, HCV protein contained in the proteins in the culture product or in the replicon RNA-replicating cells contained in the culture product.

[0061]

Such a test cell system using the replicon RNA-replicating cells according to the present invention may be aimed at producing or evaluating a therapeutic agent or a diagnostic agent for treating hepatitis C virus infection. Specific examples of such purposes include the following examples.

[0062]

(1) Search for a substance suppressing the proliferation of HCV of genotype 2a. Examples of such substance include organic chemicals directly or indirectly affecting the proliferation of HCV of genotype 2a, and antisense oligonucleotides directly or indirectly affecting the proliferation of HCV or the translation of HCV proteins by hybridizing to a target sequence in the HCV genome of genotype 2a or a complementary strand thereof.

(2) Evaluation of various substances having antiviral action in cell culture. Examples of the various substances include substances obtained through rational drug design or high throughput screening (e.g., an isolated and purified enzyme) and the like.

(3) Identification of a new target for attack for treating patients infected with HCV of genotype 2a. To identify a host cellular protein that plays an important role in proliferation of HCV virus, for example, the replicon-replicating cell according to the present invention can be used.

(4) Evaluation of the ability of HCV virus to acquire resistance against a drug or the like and identification of mutation concerning such resistance.

[0063]

The replicon RNA or replicon RNA-replicating cells according to the present invention may be aimed at the following purposes.

(5) Production of a viral protein as an antigen that can be used for developing, producing and evaluating a diagnostic agent or a therapeutic agent for hepatitis C virus infection.

(6) Viral genome replication system for producing HCV virus or virus-like particles that can be used for developing, producing and evaluating a diagnostic

agent or a therapeutic agent for hepatitis C virus infection.

(7) Production of a vaccine antigen that can be used as a vaccine against HCV of genotype 2a.

(8) Production of hepatic cell-directed genetic vector that is used after the incorporation of a foreign gene therein for gene therapy.

[0064]

[Examples]

The present invention will be described more specifically based on the following examples and drawings. However, the technical scope of the present invention is not limited by these examples.

[0065]

[Example 1] Preparation of replicon RNA

(A) Construction of expression vector

DNA corresponding to the entire region of viral genome of hepatitis C virus JFH-1 strain (genotype 2a) that had been separated from patients with fulminant hepatic failure was obtained from a JFH-1 clone containing the full-length genomic cDNA of the virus strain. The DNA was inserted downstream of T7 RNA promoter sequence that had been inserted in pUC19 plasmid. The thus constructed plasmid DNA is hereinafter referred to as pJFH1. Similarly, DNA corresponding to the entire region of viral genome of hepatitis C virus JCH-1 strain (genotype 2a) that had been separated from patients with chronic hepatitis was obtained from a JCH-1 clone containing the full-length genomic cDNA of the virus strain. The DNA was inserted downstream of the T7 RNA promoter sequence that had been inserted in pUC19 plasmid. The thus constructed plasmid DNA is hereinafter referred to as pJCH1. In addition, the preparation of the above JFH1 clone and JCH-1 clone is described in Patent Literature 1 and Non Patent Literature 3. Moreover, the nucleotide sequence of the full-length cDNA of JFH-1 clone was registered at the International DNA Data Bank (DDBJ/EMBL/GenBank) under accession No. AB047639, and the nucleotide

sequence of the full-length cDNA of the JCH-1 clone under accession No. AB047640.

[0066]

The structures of the thus constructed plasmid DNA pJFH1 and pJCH1 are shown in the upper section of Fig. 1. "T7" represents T7 RNA promoter, and "G" represents dGTP inserted upstream of the 5' end of the inserted JFH-1- or JCH-1-derived DNA and downstream of the 3' end of T7 RNA promoter sequence. A region from "5' NTR" to "3' NTR" is DNA corresponding to the entire genomic region of hepatitis C virus.

[0067]

Next, the structural regions and a part of the non-structural regions of plasmid DNA pJFH1 and pJCH1 were substituted with a neomycin resistance gene (neo; also referred to as a neomycin phosphotransferase gene) and EMCV-IRES (internal ribosome entry site of encephalomyocarditis virus), thereby constructing plasmid DNA pSGREP-JFH1 and pSGREP-JCH1, respectively (lower section of Fig. 1). This construction procedure was conducted according to a previous report (Non Patent Literature 7). Specifically, plasmid pJFH1 and pJCH1 were cleaved with restriction enzymes Age I and Cla I, and between the Age I and Cla I restriction sites, the following fragments were inserted to be ligated; a fragment was prepared by binding of a sequence ranging from 5' NTR to Core region derived from pJFH-1 with the neomycin resistance gene derived from pRSV5NEO by PCR amplification and then cleaving it with restriction enzymes Age I and Pme I, and, a fragment was prepared by binding of sequences ranging from EMCV IRES to NS3 region by PCR amplification and then cleaving it with restriction enzymes Pme I and Cla I.

[0068]

Moreover, a mutation that mutates an amino acid motif GDD to GND, corresponding to the active center of RNA polymerase encoded by the NS5B region, was introduced into the NS5B region in pSGREP-JFH1, thereby preparing

a mutant plasmid clone pSGREP-JFH1/GND.

[0069]

Moreover, a mutation that results in the deletion of a sequence of 10 continuous amino acids containing an amino acid motif GDD corresponding to the active center of RNA polymerase encoded by the NS5B region was introduced into the NS5B region in pSGREP-JFH1, thereby preparing a mutant plasmid clone pSGREP-JFH1/dGDD.

[0070]

The above-prepared mutant clones pSGREP-JFH1/GND and pSGREP-JFH1/dGDD cannot express active NS5B protein, which is required for the replication of replicon RNA, because the amino acid sequence of the active site of NS5B protein encoded by these clones has mutated.

[0071]

(B) Preparation of replicon RNA

To prepare template DNA for use in synthesis of replicon RNA, the above-constructed expression vectors pSGREP-JFH1, pSGREP-JCH1, pSGREP-JFH1/GND and pSGREP-JFH1/dGDD were each cleaved with a restriction enzyme Xba I.

[0072]

Subsequently, 10 to 20 μg each of these Xba I-cleaved fragments was contained in 50 μl of a reaction solution, and then further treated by 30 minutes of incubation at 30°C with 20 U of Mung Bean Nuclease. Mung Bean Nuclease is an enzyme catalyzing a reaction for selectively degrading a single-stranded portion of double-stranded DNA. Generally, when RNA synthesis is performed using directly the above Xba I-cleaved fragment as a template, a replicon RNA having four nucleotides of CUGA, a part of the recognition sequence of Xba I, excessively added to the 3' terminus would be synthesized. Hence, in this example, Xba I-cleaved fragments were treated with Mung Bean Nuclease, so as to remove the four nucleotides of CUGA from the fragments. The solutions

containing Xba I-cleaved fragments, which had been treated with Mung Bean Nuclease, were treated to remove proteins according to a general method, so that Xba I-cleaved fragments, from which the four nucleotides of CUGA had been removed, were purified and used as template DNAs.

[0073]

Next, from the template DNA, RNA was synthesized in vitro using T7 RNA polymerase. For this RNA synthesis, MEGAscript from Ambion, Inc. was used. Reaction was carried out using 20 μl of a reaction solution containing 0.5 to 1.0 micrograms of the template DNA according to the instructions of the manufacturer.

[0074]

After completion of RNA synthesis, DNase (2 U) was added to the reaction solution to conduct reaction at 37°C for 15 minutes. RNA extraction using acidic phenol was further performed to remove the template DNA. RNAs (replicon RNAs) synthesized in this manner from the above template DNAs derived from pSGREP-JFH1, pSGREP-JCH1, pSGREP-JFH1/GND and pSGREP-JFH1/dGDD were respectively named rSGREP-JFH1, rSGREP-JCH1, rSGREP-JFH1/GND and rSGREP-JFH1/dGDD. Regarding the nucleotide sequences of these replicon RNAs, the nucleotide sequence of rSGREP-JFH1 is shown in SEQ ID NO: 1 and Fig. 2, that of rSGREP-JCH1 is shown in SEQ ID NO: 2 and Fig. 3, that of rSGREP-JFH1/GND is shown in SEQ ID NO: 7, and that of rSGREP-JFH1/dGDD is shown in SEQ ID NO: 8.

[0075]

[Example 2] Establishment of replicon-replicating cell clone

(C) Transfection of replicon RNA, determination of colony-forming ability of transfected cells and establishment of cell clones

Each of the above-synthesized replicon RNAs (rSGREP-JFH1, rSGREP-JCH1, rSGREP-JFH1/GND and rSGREP-JFH1/dGDD) was mixed in different quantities with total cellular RNA extracted from Huh7 cells so as to have a total

RNA quantity of 10 μg. Subsequently, the mixed RNA was introduced into Huh7 cells by the electroporation method. The Huh7 cells subjected to the electroporation treatment were seeded into culture dishes, and then cultured for 16 hours to 24 hours. G418 (neomycin) was then added to the culture dishes at different concentrations. Thereafter, culture was continued while exchanging the culture solutions twice a week. After 21 days of culture following seeding, surviving cells were stained with crystal violet. The number of stained colonies was counted, and then the number of colonies obtained per μg of the transfected replicon RNA was calculated.

[0076]

For rSGREP-JFH1 or rSGREP-JCH1-transfected cells, for which colony formation had been observed, colonies of the surviving cells were further cloned from the above culture dishes after 21 days of culture, and were continuously cultured. By such cloning of colonies, several strains of cell clones could be established.

[0077]

For the established cell clones, detection of the replicated replicon RNA, confirmation of the presence or the absence of the incorporation of the neomycin resistance gene into the host genomic DNA, and confirmation of the expression of HCV proteins were performed as described later, in Example 4. Cell clones for which the replication of the replicon had been confirmed in the cells were regarded as replicon-replicating cell clones.

[0078]

(D) Colony-forming ability in each transfected cell

As a result of the above transfection, for rSGREP-JFH1-transfected Huh7 cells, the colony-forming ability per μg of the transfected replicon RNA was 94700 CFU (Colony Forming Unit)/μg·RNA when G418 concentration was 1.0 mg/ml (the left column in Fig. 4). In contrast, colony formation was not observed in the Huh7 cells, into which rSGREP-JFH1/dGDD and rSGREP-

JFH1/GND had each been transfected (the central column and the right column in Fig. 4). This suggests that the colony-forming ability confirmed for the Huh7 cells, into which rSGREP-JFH1 replicon RNA had been transfected, depends on the activity of NS5B (RNA polymerase) expressed by rSGREP-JFH1. Specifically, it was considered that in cells that had formed colonies, rSGREP-JFH1 replicon RNA autonomously replicated due to the action of NS5B expressed by rSGREP-JFH1, and the neomycin resistance gene was continuously expressed to maintain G418 resistance, so that cell growth was enabled.

[0079]

On the other hand, in the Huh7 cells, into which rSGREP-JCH1 had been transfected, no colony formation was observed in the case of 1 to 0.5 mg/ml G418 concentrations (Fig. 5). When G418 concentration was lowered to 0.25 mg/ml, colony formation was observed in the Huh7 cells, into which rSGREP-JCH1 had been transfected as well.

[0080]

Furthermore, Xba I-cleaved fragment of the expression vector pSGREP-JFH1 obtained in (B) above was used as a template DNA for RNA synthesis without treating the fragment with Mung Bean Nuclease, so as to synthesize replicon RNA. This replicon RNA was transfected to Huh7 cells in a manner similar to that in (C) above. The replicon RNA that had been prepared without performing Mung Bean Nuclease treatment had the four nucleotides of CUGA excessively added to the 3' terminus.

[0081]

As a result, the colony-forming ability of the Huh7 cells, into which the replicon RNA prepared without treatment with Mung Bean Nuclease had been transfected, decreased to 512 CFU/μg·RNA (the left side in Fig. 6). This result revealed that the sequence on the 3' terminus of the replicon RNA affects the colony-forming ability of the transfected cells.

[0082]

[Example 3]

(E) Re-transfection of replicated replicon RNA derived from replicon-replicating cells

From the replicon-replicating cell clones that had been established by transfection of rSGREP-JFH1 into Huh7 cells according to descriptions of Example 2, total RNA was extracted by a standard procedure. The number of copies of the replicated replicon RNA contained in the cellular RNA was determined by Northern blot analysis and a quantitative RT-PCR method.

[0083]

Northern blot analysis was performed according to the description in Molecular Cloning, A laboratory Manual, 2nd edition, J. Sambrook, E. F. Fritsch, T. Maniatis, Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory Press (1989). Specifically, RNA extracted from the cells was subjected to denaturing agarose electrophoresis. After electrophoresis, the RNA was transferred onto a positively charged nylon membrane. The ^{32}P-labeled DNA or RNA probe prepared from pSGREP-JFH1 was hybridized to the RNA transferred to the membrane as described above. Next the membrane was washed, and then exposed to a film, so as to detect a replicon-specific RNA band.

[0084]

Detection of the replicon RNA by quantitative RT-PCR was conducted by detecting the 5' untranslated region RNA within HCV RNA according to Takeuchi T, Katsume A, Tanaka T, Abe A, Inoue K, Tsukiyama-Kohara K, Kawaguchi R, Tanaka S and Kohara M., Real-time detection system for quantification of Hepatitis C virus genome, Gastroenterology 116: 636-642 (1999). Specifically, the replicon RNA contained in RNA extracted from the cells was amplified by PCR using synthetic primers: R6-130-S17, 5'-CGGGAGAGCCATAGTGG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 13) and R6-290-R19, 5'-AGTACCACAAGGCCTTTCG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 14); TaqMan Probe; R6-148-S21FT, 5'-CTGCGGAACCGGTGAGTACAC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 15) and an EZ rTth RNA PCR kit, and then detected using an ABI Prism

7700 sequence detector system.

[0085]

Next, aliquots of total cellular RNAs extracted from clone 6 (among the above-mentioned replicon-replicating cell clones) and pool clones (prepared by collecting replicon-replicating cells that had formed colonies from whole one dish and culturing them) were each introduced into another Huh7 cells by retransfection. Total cellular RNA used for the transfection was prepared to contain $1x10^7$ copies of replicon RNA based on the number of copies of the above-determined replicon RNA. Transfection was performed as described in (C) above, and then selective culture was performed under G418 concentration conditions of 1 mg/ml. Thus, the colony formation of the replicon-replicating cells was observed (Fig. 7). The colony-forming ability in this case was 1 colony or more per $1x10^6$ copies of the replicon RNA used for transfection, when it was calculated from the number of colonies obtained.

[0086]

On the other hand, the number of copies of in vitro synthetic RNA that had been synthesized in vitro using pSGREP-JFH1 as a template and T7 RNA polymerase was approximately $2x10^{11}$ copies/μg-RNA, when calculated based on the weight and the length of the RNA. The colony-forming ability in the case of using the in vitro synthetic RNA for transfection in a manner similar to the above method was 1 colony per $5x10^7$ copies. These results revealed that when RNA derived from cells extracted from replicon-replicating cells and in vitro synthetic RNA were each transfected to Huh7 cells as replicon RNA in the same number of copies, the use of the replicon RNA replicated within Huh7 cells resulted in colony-forming ability approximately 50 times higher than that of the in vitro synthetic RNA.

[0087]

[Example 4]

(F) Detection of replicon RNA

According to (E) above, cell clones [clones Nos. 1 to 11] were established by retransfection of total RNA that had been obtained from the replicon-replicating cell clone established by transfection of rSGREP-JFH1 to Huh7 cells to another Huh7 cells. From the established cell clones and pool clones (prepared by collecting cell clones that had formed colonies from whole one dish and then culturing them), respectively, total RNAs were extracted by an acidic phenol extraction method. Subsequently the total RNAs were analyzed by the Northern blot method using a pSGREP-JFH1-specific probe as a probe. As control, total RNA extracted similarly from untransfected Huh7 cells (in Fig. 8, denoted as "Huh7"), a sample prepared by adding 10^7 copies of replicon RNA synthesized in vitro to the total RNA extracted from Huh7 cells (in Fig. 8, denoted as "10^7"), and a sample (in Fig. 8, denoted as "10^8") prepared by adding 10^8 copies of replicon RNA synthesized in vitro to the total RNA extracted from Huh7 cells, were used. In Fig. 8, 1 to 11 represent cell clone Numbers.

[0088]

As a result, RNA of approximately the same size as that of rSGREP-JFH1 was detected using a pSGREP-JFH1-specific probe (Fig. 8). Thus, it was confirmed that the replicon RNA from rSGREP-JFH1 that had been transfected at the beginning replicated and proliferated within the cell clones. In addition, it was shown that the cell clones differed from each other in the quantity of the replicated replicon RNA. In Fig. 8, for example, clones 2, 6, 9 and 10 contained high quantities of the replicated replicon RNA, and clones 4, 8 and 11 contained low quantities of the replicated replicon RNA.

[0089]

(G) Confirmation of the presence or the absence of the incorporation of a neomycin resistance gene into genomic DNA

For the cell clones that had been obtained by retransfection of replicon RNA as described in Example 3, PCR amplification was performed using neomycin resistance gene-specific primers; sense primer, NEO-S3: 5'-

AACAAGATGGATTGCACGCA-3' (SEQ ID NO: 16) and antisense primer, NEO-R: 5'-CGTCAAGAAGGCGATAGAAG-3' (SEQ ID NO: 17), and the host cellular genomic DNA extracted from each of the cell clones as a template, in order to confirm that the resistance of each of the cell clones against G418 was not due to the incorporation of the neomycin resistance gene into the genome. The cell clones used herein were the cell clones Nos. 1 to 8 obtained by retransfection of rSGREP-JFH1-derived replicated replicon RNA (rSGREP-JFH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1 to 8), and cell clones Nos. 1 to 6 obtained by retransfection of rSGREP-JCH1-derived replicated replicon RNA (rSGREP-JCH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1 to 6). As a result, as shown in Fig. 9, in the eight examined rSGREP-JFH1-derived cell clones, positive clones showing the amplification of the neomycin resistance gene were not observed. For rSGREP-JCH1-derived cell clones, only 1 out of the 6 examined clones was positive (in Fig. 9, lane 3 in the right photograph). It was considered that this positive clone had acquired G418 resistance by the incorporation of the neomycin resistance gene in rSGREP-JCH1-derived replicated replicon RNA into the genomic DNA of the host cells. Thus, in the positive clone, unlike other clones, it was thought that the replicon RNA itself did not autonomously replicate within the cells. This was confirmed by the results of the experiment shown in the next (H) that no HCV proteins were detected from the positive clone.

[0090]

(H) Detection of HCV protein

Protein was extracted from rSGREP-JFH1- and rSGREP-JCH1-transfected cell clones by a standard procedure, and then analyzed by SDS-PAGE and Western blot method (Fig. 10). The examined cell clones were the same as those used in (G) above: rSGREP-JFH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1 to 8 and rSGREP-JCH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1 to 6. In addition, a cellular extract from the cell obtained by transiently transfecting expression plasmid DNA containing NS3 gene into Huh7 cells was regarded as a positive control (NS3 protein). Furthermore, a

protein extracted from the untransfected Huh7 cells was used as a negative control. A protein sample extracted from each cell clone was blotted onto a PVDF membrane (Immobilon-P, Millipore), and then detection of NS3 protein encoded by replicated replicon RNA was performed using anti-NS3-specific antibody (provided by Dr. Moradpour; Wolk B, et al, J. Virology. 2000, 74: 2293-2304). As shown in Fig. 10, in rSGREP-JFH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1 to 8 and rSGREP-JCH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1, 2 and 4 to 6, proteins of the same size as those of the positive control were detected. In rSGREP-JCH1-derived cell clone No. 3 (the clone detected as a positive clone in (G) above), no expression of NS3 protein was detected. That is, in rSGREP-JCH1-derived cell clone No. 3, no replication of replicon RNA was confirmed. NS3 protein was not detected in the untransfected Huh7 cells, revealing that in cell clones wherein NS3 protein was detected, the transfected replicon RNA autonomously replicated so that NS3 protein was expressed.

[0091]

Moreover, by the use of the serum of a hepatitis C patient as an antibody, the expression of NS5a protein from the replicon RNA was also confirmed in each cell clone for which the expression of NS3 protein had been confirmed as described above.

[0092]

Based on the results of (G) and (H) above, it was confirmed that replicon RNAs were replicated in the cell clones established by transfection of the replicon RNA.

[0093]

[Example 5]

(I) Analysis of adaptive mutation

According to descriptions of Example 3, total RNA obtained from the replicon-replicating cell clones established through the transfection of rSGREP-JFH1 into Huh7 cells was re-transfected to another Huh7 cells, thereby

establishing 21 cell clones. Total RNA was extracted from each of these cell clones by a standard procedure. cDNA corresponding to the replicon RNA was synthesized using the total RNA as a template, reverse transcriptase Superscript II (Invitrogen) and primer 9641R-IH (5'-GCACTCTCTGCAGTCATGCGGCTCACGGAC-3' (SEQ ID NO: 18)). The composition of a reaction solution for the synthesis of cDNA by reverse transcription reaction is as shown below.

[0094]

Composition of Reaction Solution	Fluid Volume (μl)
5x 1st strand Buffer	4
2 mM dNTP	5
0.1 M DTT	1
9651R-IH primer (100 μM)	1
DW (distilled water)	6.5
Sample RNA (2 mg/mL)	1
RNasin (Promega) (40 U/μL)	0.5
Superscript II RT (Invitrogen)	1
Total	20 μl

[0095]

In cDNA synthesis reaction, the above reagents other than RNasin and Superscript II were mixed to prepare a first reaction solution. The solution was heated at 90°C for 3 minutes, and then cooled on ice. Subsequently, RNasin and Superscript II were added to this reaction solution, and then the solution was allowed to react at 42°C for 1 hour, followed by another reaction at 70°C for 15 minutes.

[0096]

Furthermore, PCR amplification was performed using the thus obtained cDNA together with five primer sets by the following procedures, so that DNA amplification fragments covering almost all the regions of the replicon RNA were

obtained. The primer sets used and regions amplified by each primer set are shown in Table 1 and Table 2 below.

[0097]

[Table 1]

Designation of amplified fragment	Primer set		Amplified region
	Primer 1	Primer 2	
A/	42S-IH	433R-neo	41 - 470
B/	C/S17ssp	4680R-IH	28 - 3026
C/	4534S-IH	7279R-IH	2880 - 5625
D/	7198S-IH	9367R-IH	5544 - 7713
E/	9247S-NF	9576R-NF	7597 - 7960

[0098]

In Table 1, an amplified region is represented by nucleotide numbers in rSGREP-JFH1 (SEQ ID NO: 1) that the region corresponds to.

[0099]

[Table 2]

Primer designation	Nucleotide sequence (5'→3')	SEQ ID NO:
42S-IH	CCCCTGTGAGGAACTACTGTCTTCACGC	SEQ ID NO: 19
C/S17ssp	CCGGGAGAGCCATAGTGGTCTGCG	SEQ ID NO: 20
4534S-IH	CCACTCAAAGAAAAAGTGTGACGAGCTCGC	SEQ ID NO: 21
7198S-IH	GGCTTGGGCACGGCCTGA	SEQ ID NO: 22
9247S-NF	GCGGTGAAGACCAAGCTCAAACTCACTCCA	SEQ ID NO: 23
433R-neo	AGAACCTGCGTGCAATCCATC	SEQ ID NO: 24
4680R-IH	CCCGTCATGAGGGCGTCGGTGGC	SEQ ID NO: 25
7279R-IH	ACCAGCAACGGTGGGCGGTTGGTAATC	SEQ ID NO: 26
9367R-RI	GGCACGCGACACGCTGTG	SEQ ID NO: 27
9576R-NF	AGCTAGCCGTGACTAGGGCTAAGATGGAGC	SEQ ID NO: 28

[0100]

The composition of a reaction solution in this PCR reaction is as follows.

[0101]

Composition of Reaction Solution	Fluid Volume (μl)
Primer 1 (10 μM)	1.0
Primer 2 (10 μM)	1.0
2.5 mM dNTPs	5.0
10x LA Buffer	5.0
$MgCl_2$ (25 mM)	5.0
LA Taq (TAKARA) (5 U/μl)	0.3
DW (distilled water)	30.7
Template cDNA	2.0
Total	50 μl

[0102]

In addition, PCR reaction conditions are as follows: 95°C for 2 minutes; 35 cycles of 98°C for 10 seconds and then 68°C for 8 minutes; and 72°C for 7 minutes; after which the temperature is kept at 4°C.

[0103]

The nucleotide sequence of each PCR product obtained as described above was determined, and then the RNA sequence corresponding to the DNA sequence was compared with the sequence of rSGREP-JFH1. The results are shown in Table 3.

[0104]

[Table 3]

Region	Synonymous substitution	Nonsynonymous substitution	Total number of mutations
NS3	0	5	5
NS4A	0	2	2
NS4B	0	3	3
NS5A	0	7	7
NS5B	3	5	8
Total	3	22	25

[0105]

As shown in Table 3, total number of nucleotide mutations observed in 21 cell clones was 25. 22 of these mutations were nonsynonymous substitutions inducing amino acid mutation. Types of these mutations are as shown in Table 4. In addition, the positions of these mutations in the non-structural region are shown in Fig. 11.

[0106]

[Table 4]

Clone	Mutation site			
designation	Nucleotide No.	Nucleotide mutation	Amino acid mutation	Amino acid No.
C1	7098	A ⇒ G	None	
	7157	A ⇒ G	Y ⇒ C	2824
C2	4955	C ⇒ U	A ⇒ V	2090
C3	4936	A ⇒ G	T ⇒ A	2084
	5000	A ⇒ G	Y ⇒ C	2105
	7287	A ⇒ G	None	
	7288	A ⇒ G	M ⇒ V	2868
C4	5901	G ⇒ U	E ⇒ D	2405
	6113	A ⇒ U	H ⇒ L	2476
C5	2890	A ⇒ G	K ⇒ E	1402
C6	7209	A ⇒ G	None	

[0107]

In Table 4 and Fig. 11, "C1 to C6" represent replicon-replicating cell clones C1 to C6 having replicon RNA found to have mutations. "Nucleotide No." shows the corresponding nucleotide numbers within the nucleotide sequence of replicon RNA rSGREP-JFH1 (SEQ ID NO: 1). "Amino acid No." shows the corresponding amino acid numbers within the amino acid sequence encoded by the JFH-1 clone (SEQ ID NO: 4). The types of nucleotides and amino acids at

mutation sites are described according to their general notations. As shown in Table 4, in clone C2, a nucleotide corresponding to nucleotide No. 4955 of SEQ ID NO: 1 on the replicon RNA mutated from C (cytosine) to U (uracil), which results in a mutation of an amino acid corresponding to amino acid No. 2090 of SEQ ID NO: 4 from A (alanine) to V (valine).

[0108]

Furthermore, mutation positions shown in Fig. 11 are shown with bar lines with the nucleotide numbers shown in Table 4. A thick bar line represents nonsynonymous substitution, and a thin bar line represents synonymous substitution.

[0109]

There were 2 clones having no nucleotide mutations at all that cause amino acid mutations. When Northern blot analysis was conducted for the 2 clones, it was shown that in these 2 clones, the quantity of replicon RNAs replicated was lower than those in the cell clones that had replicated replicon RNAs having a nucleotide mutation that causes an amino acid mutation. Hence, it was considered that the nucleotide mutation causing an amino acid mutation within the replicon RNA was an adaptive mutation for increasing the replication efficiency of the replicon RNA in Huh7 cells.

[0110]

[Effects of Invention]

According to the present invention, an HCV-RNA replicon derived from the genotype 2a strain of HCV was obtained for the first time. The replicon-replicating cell according to the present invention can be used as a culture system for the continuous production of RNA and HCV proteins derived from HCV of genotype 2a. Furthermore, the replicon-replicating cell according to the present invention is useful as a test system for screening for various substances that affect HCV replication and/or the translation of HCV proteins.

[0111]

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tca cct gct atc aca aaa tac gtc gtt cga tgg gag tgg gtg gta ctc   2515
Ser Pro Ala Ile Thr Lys Tyr Val Val Arg Trp Glu Trp Val Val Leu
710                 715                 720                 725

tta ttc ctg ctc tta gcg gac gcc aga gtc tgc gcc tgc ttg tgg atg   2563
Leu Phe Leu Leu Leu Ala Asp Ala Arg Val Cys Ala Cys Leu Trp Met
                730                 735                 740

ctc atc ttg ttg ggc cag gcc gaa gca gca ttg gag aag ttg gtc gtc   2611
Leu Ile Leu Leu Gly Gln Ala Glu Ala Ala Leu Glu Lys Leu Val Val
            745                 750                 755

ttg cac gct gcg agt gcg gct aac tgc cat ggc ctc cta tat ttt gcc   2659
Leu His Ala Ala Ser Ala Ala Asn Cys His Gly Leu Leu Tyr Phe Ala
        760                 765                 770

atc ttc ttc gtg gca gct tgg cac atc agg ggt cgg gtg gtc ccc ttg   2707
Ile Phe Phe Val Ala Ala Trp His Ile Arg Gly Arg Val Val Pro Leu
    775                 780                 785

acc acc tat tgc ctc act ggc cta tgg ccc ttc tgc cta ctg ctc atg   2755
Thr Thr Tyr Cys Leu Thr Gly Leu Trp Pro Phe Cys Leu Leu Leu Met
790                 795                 800                 805

gca ctg ccc cgg cag gct tat gcc tat gac gca cct gtg cac gga cag   2803
Ala Leu Pro Arg Gln Ala Tyr Ala Tyr Asp Ala Pro Val His Gly Gln
                810                 815                 820

ata ggc gtg ggt ttg ttg ata ttg atc acc ctc ttc aca ctc acc ccg   2851
Ile Gly Val Gly Leu Leu Ile Leu Ile Thr Leu Phe Thr Leu Thr Pro
            825                 830                 835
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ggg tat aag acc ctc ctc ggc cag tgt ctg tgg tgg ttg tgc tat ctc   2899
Gly Tyr Lys Thr Leu Leu Gly Gln Cys Leu Trp Trp Leu Cys Tyr Leu
       840                 845                 850

ctg acc ctg ggg gaa gcc atg att cag gag tgg gta cca ccc atg cag   2947
Leu Thr Leu Gly Glu Ala Met Ile Gln Glu Trp Val Pro Pro Met Gln
   855                 860                 865

gtg cgc ggc ggc cgc gat ggc atc gcg tgg gcc gtc act ata ttc tgc   2995
Val Arg Gly Gly Arg Asp Gly Ile Ala Trp Ala Val Thr Ile Phe Cys
870                 875                 880                 885

ccg ggt gtg gtg ttt gac att acc aaa tgg ctt ttg gcg ttg ctt ggg   3043
Pro Gly Val Val Phe Asp Ile Thr Lys Trp Leu Leu Ala Leu Leu Gly
               890                 895                 900

cct gct tac ctc tta agg gcc gct ttg aca cat gtg ccg tac ttc gtc   3091
Pro Ala Tyr Leu Leu Arg Ala Ala Leu Thr His Val Pro Tyr Phe Val
           905                 910                 915

aga gct cac gct ctg ata agg gta tgc gct ttg gtg aag cag ctc gcg   3139
Arg Ala His Ala Leu Ile Arg Val Cys Ala Leu Val Lys Gln Leu Ala
       920                 925                 930

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Gly Gly Arg Tyr Val Gln Val Ala Leu Leu Ala Leu Gly Arg Trp Thr
   935                 940                 945

ggc acc tac atc tat gac cac ctc aca cct atg tcg gac tgg gcc gct   3235
Gly Thr Tyr Ile Tyr Asp His Leu Thr Pro Met Ser Asp Trp Ala Ala
950                 955                 960                 965
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agc ggc ctg cgc gac tta gcg gtc gcc gtg gaa ccc atc atc ttc agt   3283
Ser Gly Leu Arg Asp Leu Ala Val Ala Val Glu Pro Ile Ile Phe Ser
                970                 975                 980

ccg atg gag aag aag gtc atc gtc tgg gga gcg gag acg gct gca tgt   3331
Pro Met Glu Lys Lys Val Ile Val Trp Gly Ala Glu Thr Ala Ala Cys
            985                 990                 995

ggg gac att cta cat gga ctt ccc gtg tcc gcc cga ctc ggc cag gag   3379
Gly Asp Ile Leu His Gly Leu Pro Val Ser Ala Arg Leu Gly Gln Glu
        1000                1005                1010

atc ctc ctc ggc cca gct gat ggc tac acc tcc aag ggg tgg aag ctc   3427
Ile Leu Leu Gly Pro Ala Asp Gly Tyr Thr Ser Lys Gly Trp Lys Leu
    1015                1020                1025

ctt gct ccc atc act gct tat gcc cag caa aca cga ggc ctc ctg ggc   3475
Leu Ala Pro Ile Thr Ala Tyr Ala Gln Gln Thr Arg Gly Leu Leu Gly
1030                1035                1040                1045

gcc ata gtg gtg agt atg acg ggg cgt gac agg aca gaa cag gcc ggg   3523
Ala Ile Val Val Ser Met Thr Gly Arg Asp Arg Thr Glu Gln Ala Gly
                1050                1055                1060

gaa gtc caa atc ctg tcc aca gtc tct cag tcc ttc ctc gga aca acc   3571
Glu Val Gln Ile Leu Ser Thr Val Ser Gln Ser Phe Leu Gly Thr Thr
            1065                1070                1075

atc tcg ggg gtt ttg tgg act gtt tac cac gga gct ggc aac aag act   3619
Ile Ser Gly Val Leu Trp Thr Val Tyr His Gly Ala Gly Asn Lys Thr
        1080                1085                1090
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cta gcc ggc tta cgg ggt ccg gtc acg cag atg tac tcg agt gct gag   3667
Leu Ala Gly Leu Arg Gly Pro Val Thr Gln Met Tyr Ser Ser Ala Glu
  1095              1100              1105

ggg gac ttg gta ggc tgg ccc agc ccc cct ggg acc aag tct ttg gag   3715
Gly Asp Leu Val Gly Trp Pro Ser Pro Pro Gly Thr Lys Ser Leu Glu
1110              1115              1120              1125

ccg tgc aag tgt gga gcc gtc gac cta tat ctg gtc acg cgg aac gct   3763
Pro Cys Lys Cys Gly Ala Val Asp Leu Tyr Leu Val Thr Arg Asn Ala
            1130              1135              1140

gat gtc atc ccg gct cgg aga cgc ggg gac aag cgg gga gca ttg ctc   3811
Asp Val Ile Pro Ala Arg Arg Arg Gly Asp Lys Arg Gly Ala Leu Leu
         1145              1150              1155

tcc ccg aga ccc att tcg acc ttg aag ggg tcc tcg ggg ggg ccg gtg   3859
Ser Pro Arg Pro Ile Ser Thr Leu Lys Gly Ser Ser Gly Gly Pro Val
      1160              1165              1170

ctc tgc cct agg ggc cac gtc gtt ggg ctc ttc cga gca gct gtg tgc   3907
Leu Cys Pro Arg Gly His Val Val Gly Leu Phe Arg Ala Ala Val Cys
  1175              1180              1185

tct cgg ggc gtg gcc aaa tcc atc gat ttc atc ccc gtt gag aca ctc   3955
Ser Arg Gly Val Ala Lys Ser Ile Asp Phe Ile Pro Val Glu Thr Leu
1190              1195              1200              1205

gac gtt gtt aca agg tct ccc act ttc agt gac aac agc acg cca ccg   4003
Asp Val Val Thr Arg Ser Pro Thr Phe Ser Asp Asn Ser Thr Pro Pro
            1210              1215              1220
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gct gtg ccc cag acc tat cag gtc ggg tac ttg cat gct cca act ggc   4051
Ala Val Pro Gln Thr Tyr Gln Val Gly Tyr Leu His Ala Pro Thr Gly
         1225              1230              1235

agt gga aag agc acc aag gtc cct gtc gcg tat gcc gcc cag ggg tac   4099
Ser Gly Lys Ser Thr Lys Val Pro Val Ala Tyr Ala Ala Gln Gly Tyr
      1240              1245              1250

aaa gta cta gtg ctt aac ccc tcg gta gct gcc acc ctg ggg ttt ggg   4147
Lys Val Leu Val Leu Asn Pro Ser Val Ala Ala Thr Leu Gly Phe Gly
   1255              1260              1265

gcg tac cta tcc aag gca cat ggc atc aat ccc aac att agg act gga   4195
Ala Tyr Leu Ser Lys Ala His Gly Ile Asn Pro Asn Ile Arg Thr Gly
1270              1275              1280              1285

gtc agg acc gtg atg acc ggg gag gcc atc acg tac tcc aca tat ggc   4243
Val Arg Thr Val Met Thr Gly Glu Ala Ile Thr Tyr Ser Thr Tyr Gly
             1290              1295              1300

aaa ttt ctc gcc gat ggg ggc tgc gct agc ggc gcc tat gac atc atc   4291
Lys Phe Leu Ala Asp Gly Gly Cys Ala Ser Gly Ala Tyr Asp Ile Ile
         1305              1310              1315

ata tgc gat gaa tgc cac gct gtg gat gct acc tcc att ctc ggc atc   4339
Ile Cys Asp Glu Cys His Ala Val Asp Ala Thr Ser Ile Leu Gly Ile
      1320              1325              1330

gga acg gtc ctt gat caa gca gag aca gcc ggg gtc aga cta act gtg   4387
Gly Thr Val Leu Asp Gln Ala Glu Thr Ala Gly Val Arg Leu Thr Val
   1335              1340              1345
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ctg gct acg gcc aca ccc ccc ggg tca gtg aca acc ccc cat ccc gat  4435
Leu Ala Thr Ala Thr Pro Pro Gly Ser Val Thr Thr Pro His Pro Asp
1350             1355             1360             1365

ata gaa gag gta ggc ctc ggg cgg gag ggt gag atc ccc ttc tat ggg  4483
Ile Glu Glu Val Gly Leu Gly Arg Glu Gly Glu Ile Pro Phe Tyr Gly
             1370             1375             1380

agg gcg att ccc cta tcc tgc atc aag gga ggg aga cac ctg att ttc  4531
Arg Ala Ile Pro Leu Ser Cys Ile Lys Gly Gly Arg His Leu Ile Phe
         1385             1390             1395

tgc cac tca aag aaa aag tgt gac gag ctc gcg gcg gcc ctt cgg ggc  4579
Cys His Ser Lys Lys Lys Cys Asp Glu Leu Ala Ala Ala Leu Arg Gly
     1400             1405             1410

atg ggc ttg aat gcc gtg gca tac tat aga ggg ttg gac gtc tcc ata  4627
Met Gly Leu Asn Ala Val Ala Tyr Tyr Arg Gly Leu Asp Val Ser Ile
 1415             1420             1425

ata cca gct cag gga gat gtg gtg gtc gtc gcc acc gac gcc ctc atg  4675
Ile Pro Ala Gln Gly Asp Val Val Val Val Ala Thr Asp Ala Leu Met
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acg ggg tac act gga gac ttt gac tcc gtg atc gac tgc aat gta gcg  4723
Thr Gly Tyr Thr Gly Asp Phe Asp Ser Val Ile Asp Cys Asn Val Ala
             1450             1455             1460

gtc acc caa gct gtc gac ttc agc ctg gac ccc acc ttc act ata acc  4771
Val Thr Gln Ala Val Asp Phe Ser Leu Asp Pro Thr Phe Thr Ile Thr
         1465             1470             1475
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aca cag act gtc cca caa gac gct gtc tca cgc agt cag cgc cgc ggg  4819
Thr Gln Thr Val Pro Gln Asp Ala Val Ser Arg Ser Gln Arg Arg Gly
      1480              1485              1490

cgc aca ggt aga gga aga cag ggc act tat agg tat gtt tcc act ggt  4867
Arg Thr Gly Arg Gly Arg Gln Gly Thr Tyr Arg Tyr Val Ser Thr Gly
   1495              1500              1505

gaa cga gcc tca gga atg ttt gac agt gta gtg ctt tgt gag tgc tac  4915
Glu Arg Ala Ser Gly Met Phe Asp Ser Val Val Leu Cys Glu Cys Tyr
1510              1515              1520              1525

gac gca ggg gct gcg tgg tac gat ctc aca cca gcg gag acc acc gtc  4963
Asp Ala Gly Ala Ala Trp Tyr Asp Leu Thr Pro Ala Glu Thr Thr Val
             1530              1535              1540

agg ctt aga gcg tat ttc aac acg ccc ggc cta ccc gtg tgt caa gac  5011
Arg Leu Arg Ala Tyr Phe Asn Thr Pro Gly Leu Pro Val Cys Gln Asp
         1545              1550              1555

cat ctt gaa ttt tgg gag gca gtt ttc acc ggc ctc aca cac ata gac  5059
His Leu Glu Phe Trp Glu Ala Val Phe Thr Gly Leu Thr His Ile Asp
      1560              1565              1570

gcc cac ttc ctc tcc caa aca aag caa gcg ggg gag aac ttc gcg tac  5107
Ala His Phe Leu Ser Gln Thr Lys Gln Ala Gly Glu Asn Phe Ala Tyr
   1575              1580              1585

cta gta gcc tac caa gct acg gtg tgc gcc aga gcc aag gcc cct ccc  5155
Leu Val Ala Tyr Gln Ala Thr Val Cys Ala Arg Ala Lys Ala Pro Pro
1590              1595              1600              1605
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ccg tcc tgg gac gcc atg tgg aag tgc ctg gcc cga ctc aag cct acg   5203
Pro Ser Trp Asp Ala Met Trp Lys Cys Leu Ala Arg Leu Lys Pro Thr
            1610                1615                1620

ctt gcg ggc ccc aca cct ctc ctg tac cgt ttg ggc cct att acc aat   5251
Leu Ala Gly Pro Thr Pro Leu Leu Tyr Arg Leu Gly Pro Ile Thr Asn
         1625                1630                1635

gag gtc acc ctc aca cac cct ggg acg aag tac atc gcc aca tgc atg   5299
Glu Val Thr Leu Thr His Pro Gly Thr Lys Tyr Ile Ala Thr Cys Met
      1640                1645                1650

caa gct gac ctt gag gtc atg acc agc acg tgg gtc cta gct gga gga   5347
Gln Ala Asp Leu Glu Val Met Thr Ser Thr Trp Val Leu Ala Gly Gly
   1655                1660                1665

gtc ctg gca gcc gtc gcc gca tat tgc ctg gcg act gga tgc gtt tcc   5395
Val Leu Ala Ala Val Ala Ala Tyr Cys Leu Ala Thr Gly Cys Val Ser
1670                1675                1680                1685

atc atc ggc cgc ttg cac gtc aac cag cga gtc gtc gtt gcg ccg gat   5443
Ile Ile Gly Arg Leu His Val Asn Gln Arg Val Val Val Ala Pro Asp
            1690                1695                1700

aag gag gtc ctg tat gag gct ttt gat gag atg gag gaa tgc gcc tct   5491
Lys Glu Val Leu Tyr Glu Ala Phe Asp Glu Met Glu Glu Cys Ala Ser
         1705                1710                1715

agg gcg gct ctc atc gaa gag ggg cag cgg ata gcc gag atg ttg aag   5539
Arg Ala Ala Leu Ile Glu Glu Gly Gln Arg Ile Ala Glu Met Leu Lys
      1720                1725                1730
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tcc aag atc caa ggc ttg ctg cag cag gcc tct aag cag gcc cag gac  5587
Ser Lys Ile Gln Gly Leu Leu Gln Gln Ala Ser Lys Gln Ala Gln Asp
  1735              1740              1745

ata caa ccc gct atg cag gct tca tgg ccc aaa gtg gaa caa ttt tgg  5635
Ile Gln Pro Ala Met Gln Ala Ser Trp Pro Lys Val Glu Gln Phe Trp
1750              1755              1760              1765

gcc aga cac atg tgg aac ttc att agc ggc atc caa tac ctc gca gga  5683
Ala Arg His Met Trp Asn Phe Ile Ser Gly Ile Gln Tyr Leu Ala Gly
            1770              1775              1780

ttg tca aca ctg cca ggg aac ccc gcg gtg gct tcc atg atg gca ttc  5731
Leu Ser Thr Leu Pro Gly Asn Pro Ala Val Ala Ser Met Met Ala Phe
         1785              1790              1795

agt gcc gcc ctc acc agt ccg ttg tcg acc agt acc acc atc ctt ctc  5779
Ser Ala Ala Leu Thr Ser Pro Leu Ser Thr Ser Thr Thr Ile Leu Leu
      1800              1805              1810

aac atc atg gga ggc tgg tta gcg tcc cag atc gca cca ccc gcg ggg  5827
Asn Ile Met Gly Gly Trp Leu Ala Ser Gln Ile Ala Pro Pro Ala Gly
  1815              1820              1825

gcc acc ggc ttt gtc gtc agt ggc ctg gtg ggg gct gcc gtg ggc agc  5875
Ala Thr Gly Phe Val Val Ser Gly Leu Val Gly Ala Ala Val Gly Ser
1830              1835              1840              1845

ata ggc ctg ggt aag gtg ctg gtg gac atc ctg gca gga tat ggt gcg  5923
Ile Gly Leu Gly Lys Val Leu Val Asp Ile Leu Ala Gly Tyr Gly Ala
            1850              1855              1860
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ggc att tcg ggg gcc ctc gtc gca ttc aag atc atg tct ggc gag aag   5971
Gly Ile Ser Gly Ala Leu Val Ala Phe Lys Ile Met Ser Gly Glu Lys
          1865                1870                1875

ccc tct atg gaa gat gtc atc aat cta ctg cct ggg atc ctg tct ccg   6019
Pro Ser Met Glu Asp Val Ile Asn Leu Leu Pro Gly Ile Leu Ser Pro
      1880                1885                1890

gga gcc ctg gtg gtg ggg gtc atc tgc gcg gcc att ctg cgc cgc cac   6067
Gly Ala Leu Val Val Gly Val Ile Cys Ala Ala Ile Leu Arg Arg His
   1895                1900                1905

gtg gga ccg ggg gag ggc gcg gtc caa tgg atg aac agg ctt att gcc   6115
Val Gly Pro Gly Glu Gly Ala Val Gln Trp Met Asn Arg Leu Ile Ala
1910                1915                1920                1925

ttt gct tcc aga gga aac cac gtc gcc cct act cac tac gtg acg gag   6163
Phe Ala Ser Arg Gly Asn His Val Ala Pro Thr His Tyr Val Thr Glu
             1930                1935                1940

tcg gat gcg tcg cag cgt gtg acc caa cta ctt ggc tct ctt act ata   6211
Ser Asp Ala Ser Gln Arg Val Thr Gln Leu Leu Gly Ser Leu Thr Ile
          1945                1950                1955

acc agc cta ctc aga aga ctc cac aat tgg ata act gag gac tgc ccc   6259
Thr Ser Leu Leu Arg Arg Leu His Asn Trp Ile Thr Glu Asp Cys Pro
      1960                1965                1970

atc cca tgc tcc gga tcc tgg ctc cgc gac gtg tgg gac tgg gtt tgc   6307
Ile Pro Cys Ser Gly Ser Trp Leu Arg Asp Val Trp Asp Trp Val Cys
   1975                1980                1985
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acc atc ttg aca gac ttc aaa aat tgg ctg acc tct aaa ttg ttc ccc   6355
Thr Ile Leu Thr Asp Phe Lys Asn Trp Leu Thr Ser Lys Leu Phe Pro
1990              1995              2000              2005

aag ctg ccc ggc ctc ccc ttc atc tct tgt caa aag ggg tac aag ggt   6403
Lys Leu Pro Gly Leu Pro Phe Ile Ser Cys Gln Lys Gly Tyr Lys Gly
             2010              2015              2020

gtg tgg gcc ggc act ggc atc atg acc acg cgc tgc cct tgc ggc gcc   6451
Val Trp Ala Gly Thr Gly Ile Met Thr Thr Arg Cys Pro Cys Gly Ala
         2025              2030              2035

aac atc tct ggc aat gtc cgc ctg ggc tct atg agg atc aca ggg cct   6499
Asn Ile Ser Gly Asn Val Arg Leu Gly Ser Met Arg Ile Thr Gly Pro
     2040              2045              2050

aaa acc tgc atg aac acc tgg cag ggg acc ttt cct atc aat tgc tac   6547
Lys Thr Cys Met Asn Thr Trp Gln Gly Thr Phe Pro Ile Asn Cys Tyr
 2055              2060              2065

acg gag ggc cag tgc gcg ccg aaa ccc ccc acg aac tac aag acc gcc   6595
Thr Glu Gly Gln Cys Ala Pro Lys Pro Pro Thr Asn Tyr Lys Thr Ala
2070              2075              2080              2085

atc tgg agg gtg gcg gcc tcg gag tac gcg gag gtg acg cag cat ggg   6643
Ile Trp Arg Val Ala Ala Ser Glu Tyr Ala Glu Val Thr Gln His Gly
             2090              2095              2100

tcg tac tcc tat gta aca gga ctg acc act gac aat ctg aaa att cct   6691
Ser Tyr Ser Tyr Val Thr Gly Leu Thr Thr Asp Asn Leu Lys Ile Pro
         2105              2110              2115
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tgc caa cta cct tct cca gag ttt ttc tcc tgg gtg gac ggt gtg cag   6739
Cys Gln Leu Pro Ser Pro Glu Phe Phe Ser Trp Val Asp Gly Val Gln
      2120              2125              2130

atc cat agg ttt gca ccc aca cca aag ccg ttt ttc cgg gat gag gtc   6787
Ile His Arg Phe Ala Pro Thr Pro Lys Pro Phe Phe Arg Asp Glu Val
  2135              2140              2145

tcg ttc tgc gtt ggg ctt aat tcc tat gct gtc ggg tcc cag ctt ccc   6835
Ser Phe Cys Val Gly Leu Asn Ser Tyr Ala Val Gly Ser Gln Leu Pro
2150              2155              2160              2165

tgt gaa cct gag ccc gac gca gac gta ttg agg tcc atg cta aca gat   6883
Cys Glu Pro Glu Pro Asp Ala Asp Val Leu Arg Ser Met Leu Thr Asp
      .       2170              2175              2180

ccg ccc cac atc acg gcg gag act gcg gcg cgg cgc ttg gca cgg gga   6931
Pro Pro His Ile Thr Ala Glu Thr Ala Ala Arg Arg Leu Ala Arg Gly
          2185              2190              2195

tca cct cca tct gag gcg agc tcc tca gtg agc cag cta tca gca ccg   6979
Ser Pro Pro Ser Glu Ala Ser Ser Ser Val Ser Gln Leu Ser Ala Pro
      2200              2205              2210

tcg ctg cgg gcc acc tgc acc acc cac agc aac acc tat gac gtg gac   7027
Ser Leu Arg Ala Thr Cys Thr Thr His Ser Asn Thr Tyr Asp Val Asp
  2215              2220              2225

atg gtc gat gcc aac ctg ctc atg gag ggc ggt gtg gct cag aca gag   7075
Met Val Asp Ala Asn Leu Leu Met Glu Gly Gly Val Ala Gln Thr Glu
2230              2235              2240              2245
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cct gag tcc agg gtg ccc gtt ctg gac ttt ctc gag cca atg gcc gag   7123
Pro Glu Ser Arg Val Pro Val Leu Asp Phe Leu Glu Pro Met Ala Glu
            2250              2255              2260

gaa gag agc gac ctt gag ccc tca ata cca tcg gag tgc atg ctc ccc   7171
Glu Glu Ser Asp Leu Glu Pro Ser Ile Pro Ser Glu Cys Met Leu Pro
         2265              2270              2275

agg agc ggg ttt cca cgg gcc tta ccg gct tgg gca cgg cct gac tac   7219
Arg Ser Gly Phe Pro Arg Ala Leu Pro Ala Trp Ala Arg Pro Asp Tyr
      2280              2285              2290

aac ccg ccg ctc gtg gaa tcg tgg agg agg cca gat tac caa ccg ccc   7267
Asn Pro Pro Leu Val Glu Ser Trp Arg Arg Pro Asp Tyr Gln Pro Pro
   2295              2300              2305

acc gtt gct ggt tgt gct ctc ccc ccc ccc aag aag gcc ccg acg cct   7315
Thr Val Ala Gly Cys Ala Leu Pro Pro Pro Lys Lys Ala Pro Thr Pro
2310              2315              2320              2325

ccc cca agg aga cgc cgg aca gtg ggt ctg agc gag agc acc ata tca   7363
Pro Pro Arg Arg Arg Arg Thr Val Gly Leu Ser Glu Ser Thr Ile Ser
            2330              2335              2340

gaa gcc ctc cag caa ctg gcc atc aag acc ttt ggc cag ccc ccc tcg   7411
Glu Ala Leu Gln Gln Leu Ala Ile Lys Thr Phe Gly Gln Pro Pro Ser
         2345              2350              2355

agc ggt gat gca ggc tcg tcc acg ggg gcg ggc gcc gcc gaa tcc ggc   7459
Ser Gly Asp Ala Gly Ser Ser Thr Gly Ala Gly Ala Ala Glu Ser Gly
      2360              2365              2370
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ggt ccg acg tcc cct ggt gag ccg gcc ccc tca gag aca ggt tcc gcc   7507
Gly Pro Thr Ser Pro Gly Glu Pro Ala Pro Ser Glu Thr Gly Ser Ala
  2375              2380              2385

tcc tct atg ccc ccc ctc gag ggg gag cct gga gat ccg gac ctg gag   7555
Ser Ser Met Pro Pro Leu Glu Gly Glu Pro Gly Asp Pro Asp Leu Glu
2390              2395              2400              2405

tct gat cag gta gag ctt caa cct ccc ccc cag ggg ggg ggg gta gct   7603
Ser Asp Gln Val Glu Leu Gln Pro Pro Pro Gln Gly Gly Gly Val Ala
             2410              2415              2420

ccc ggt tcg ggc tcg ggg tct tgg tct act tgc tcc gag gag gac gat   7651
Pro Gly Ser Gly Ser Gly Ser Trp Ser Thr Cys Ser Glu Glu Asp Asp
         2425              2430              2435

acc acc gtg tgc tgc tcc atg tca tac tcc tgg acc ggg gct cta ata   7699
Thr Thr Val Cys Cys Ser Met Ser Tyr Ser Trp Thr Gly Ala Leu Ile
      2440              2445              2450

act ccc tgt agc ccc gaa gag gaa aag ttg cca atc aac cct ttg agt   7747
Thr Pro Cys Ser Pro Glu Glu Glu Lys Leu Pro Ile Asn Pro Leu Ser
  2455              2460              2465

aac tcg ctg ttg cga tac cat aac aag gtg tac tgt aca aca tca aag   7795
Asn Ser Leu Leu Arg Tyr His Asn Lys Val Tyr Cys Thr Thr Ser Lys
2470              2475              2480              2485

agc gcc tca cag agg gct aaa aag gta act ttt gac agg acg caa gtg   7843
Ser Ala Ser Gln Arg Ala Lys Lys Val Thr Phe Asp Arg Thr Gln Val
             2490              2495              2500
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ctc gac gcc cat tat gac tca gtc tta aag gac atc aag cta gcg gct   7891
Leu Asp Ala His Tyr Asp Ser Val Leu Lys Asp Ile Lys Leu Ala Ala
          2505              2510              2515

tcc aag gtc agc gca agg ctc ctc acc ttg gag gag gcg tgc cag ttg   7939
Ser Lys Val Ser Ala Arg Leu Leu Thr Leu Glu Glu Ala Cys Gln Leu
      2520              2525              2530

act cca ccc cat tct gca aga tcc aag tat gga ttc ggg gcc aag gag   7987
Thr Pro Pro His Ser Ala Arg Ser Lys Tyr Gly Phe Gly Ala Lys Glu
   2535              2540              2545

gtc cgc agc ttg tcc ggg agg gcc gtt aac cac atc aag tcc gtg tgg   8035
Val Arg Ser Leu Ser Gly Arg Ala Val Asn His Ile Lys Ser Val Trp
2550              2555              2560              2565

aag gac ctc ctg gaa gac cca caa aca cca att ccc aca acc atc atg   8083
Lys Asp Leu Leu Glu Asp Pro Gln Thr Pro Ile Pro Thr Thr Ile Met
             2570              2575              2580

gcc aaa aat gag gtg ttc tgc gtg gac ccc gcc aag ggg ggt aag aaa   8131
Ala Lys Asn Glu Val Phe Cys Val Asp Pro Ala Lys Gly Gly Lys Lys
          2585              2590              2595

cca gct cgc ctc atc gtt tac cct gac ctc ggc gtc cgg gtc tgc gag   8179
Pro Ala Arg Leu Ile Val Tyr Pro Asp Leu Gly Val Arg Val Cys Glu
      2600              2605              2610

aaa atg gcc ctc tat gac att aca caa aag ctt cct cag gcg gta atg   8227
Lys Met Ala Leu Tyr Asp Ile Thr Gln Lys Leu Pro Gln Ala Val Met
   2615              2620              2625
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gtt aag ttt ccg ggc ggc ggc cag atc gtt ggc gga gta tac ttg ttg   451
Val Lys Phe Pro Gly Gly Gly Gln Ile Val Gly Gly Val Tyr Leu Leu
            25                  30                  35

ccg cgc agg ggc ccc agg ttg ggt gtg cgc gcg aca agg aag gct tcg   499
Pro Arg Arg Gly Pro Arg Leu Gly Val Arg Ala Thr Arg Lys Ala Ser
        40                  45                  50

gag cgg tcc cag cca cgt ggg agg cgc cag ccc atc ccc aaa cat cgg   547
Glu Arg Ser Gln Pro Arg Gly Arg Arg Gln Pro Ile Pro Lys His Arg
    55                  60                  65

cgc tcc act ggc aag tcc tgg ggg aag cca gga tac ccc tgg ccc ctg   595
Arg Ser Thr Gly Lys Ser Trp Gly Lys Pro Gly Tyr Pro Trp Pro Leu
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70                  75                  80                  85

tat ggg aat gag ggg ctc ggt tgg gca gga tgg ctc ctg tcc cct cga   643
Tyr Gly Asn Glu Gly Leu Gly Trp Ala Gly Trp Leu Leu Ser Pro Arg
                90                  95                 100

ggt tcc cgt ccc tca tgg ggc ccc aat gac ccc cgg cat agg tcg cgc   691
Gly Ser Arg Pro Ser Trp Gly Pro Asn Asp Pro Arg His Arg Ser Arg
            105                 110                 115

aat gtg ggt aag gtc atc gat acc cta acg tgc ggc ttt gcc gac ctc   739
Asn Val Gly Lys Val Ile Asp Thr Leu Thr Cys Gly Phe Ala Asp Leu
        120                 125                 130

ttg ggg tac gtc ccc gtc gta ggc gcc ccg ctt agt ggc gtt gcc agt   787
Leu Gly Tyr Val Pro Val Val Gly Ala Pro Leu Ser Gly Val Ala Ser
    135                 140                 145

gct ctc gcg cac ggc gtg aga gtc ctg gag gac ggg gtt aat ttt gca   835
Ala Leu Ala His Gly Val Arg Val Leu Glu Asp Gly Val Asn Phe Ala
150                 155                 160                 165

aca ggg aac tta cct ggt tgc tcc ttt tct atc ttc ttg ctg gcc cta   883
Thr Gly Asn Leu Pro Gly Cys Ser Phe Ser Ile Phe Leu Leu Ala Leu
                170                 175                 180

ctg tcc tgc atc act act ccg gtc tct gct gtc caa gtg aag aac acc   931
Leu Ser Cys Ile Thr Thr Pro Val Ser Ala Val Gln Val Lys Asn Thr
            185                 190                 195

agc aac gcc tat atg gcg act aac gac tgt tcc aat gac agc atc act   979
Ser Asn Ala Tyr Met Ala Thr Asn Asp Cys Ser Asn Asp Ser Ile Thr
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      200               205               210

tgg cag ctt gag gcc gca gtc ctc cat gtc ccc ggg tgc gtc ccg tgc   1027
Trp Gln Leu Glu Ala Ala Val Leu His Val Pro Gly Cys Val Pro Cys
   215               220               225

gag aaa atg ggg aac aca tca cgg tgc tgg ata cca gtc tca cca aac   1075
Glu Lys Met Gly Asn Thr Ser Arg Cys Trp Ile Pro Val Ser Pro Asn
230               235               240               245

gtg gct gtg cgg cag cct ggc gcc ctc acg cgg ggc ttg cgg acg cac   1123
Val Ala Val Arg Gln Pro Gly Ala Leu Thr Arg Gly Leu Arg Thr His
               250               255               260

atc gac atg gtc gtg ttg tcc gcc acg ctc tgc tcc gct ctc tac gtg   1171
Ile Asp Met Val Val Leu Ser Ala Thr Leu Cys Ser Ala Leu Tyr Val
           265               270               275

ggg gac ctc tgt ggc ggg gtg atg ctc gcg tcc cag atg ttc att gtc   1219
Gly Asp Leu Cys Gly Gly Val Met Leu Ala Ser Gln Met Phe Ile Val
       280               285               290

tcg ccg cag cac cac tgg ttc gtg cag gaa tgc aat tgc tcc atc tac   1267
Ser Pro Gln His His Trp Phe Val Gln Glu Cys Asn Cys Ser Ile Tyr
   295               300               305

cct ggc gcc atc act ggg cac cgt atg gca tgg gac atg atg atg aac   1315
Pro Gly Ala Ile Thr Gly His Arg Met Ala Trp Asp Met Met Met Asn
310               315               320               325

tgg tcg ccc acg acc acc atg atc ctg gcg tac gtg atg cgc gtt ccc   1363
Trp Ser Pro Thr Thr Thr Met Ile Leu Ala Tyr Val Met Arg Val Pro
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                330                 335                 340

gag gtc atc ata gac atc att agc gga gct cac tgg ggc gtc atg ttt  1411
Glu Val Ile Ile Asp Ile Ile Ser Gly Ala His Trp Gly Val Met Phe
            345                 350                 355

ggc ctg gcc tac ttc tct atg cag gga gcg tgg gcg aag gtc gtt gtc  1459
Gly Leu Ala Tyr Phe Ser Met Gln Gly Ala Trp Ala Lys Val Val Val
        360                 365                 370

atc ctc ctg ctg gcc tct ggg gtg gac gcg tac acc acc acg act ggg  1507
Ile Leu Leu Leu Ala Ser Gly Val Asp Ala Tyr Thr Thr Thr Thr Gly
    375                 380                 385

agc gct gct ggg cgc act acc agt agc ctg gcc agc gcc ttc tcc cct  1555
Ser Ala Ala Gly Arg Thr Thr Ser Ser Leu Ala Ser Ala Phe Ser Pro
390                 395                 400                 405

ggc gct cgg cag aac att cag ctc att aat acc aat ggt agc tgg cac  1603
Gly Ala Arg Gln Asn Ile Gln Leu Ile Asn Thr Asn Gly Ser Trp His
                410                 415                 420

atc aac cgc acc gcc ctg aat tgc aac gat tcc ttg cac acc ggc ttc  1651
Ile Asn Arg Thr Ala Leu Asn Cys Asn Asp Ser Leu His Thr Gly Phe
            425                 430                 435

ttc acg gcc ctg ttc tac atc cat aag ttc aac tcg tcg gga tgt ccc  1699
Phe Thr Ala Leu Phe Tyr Ile His Lys Phe Asn Ser Ser Gly Cys Pro
        440                 445                 450

gag cgc ctg tcc gcc tgt cgc aac atc gag gac ttc cgg ata gga tgg  1747
Glu Arg Leu Ser Ala Cys Arg Asn Ile Glu Asp Phe Arg Ile Gly Trp
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455                460                465

ggc gcc ctg caa tac gac gac aat gtc acc aat cca gaa gat atg agg   1795
Gly Ala Leu Gln Tyr Asp Asp Asn Val Thr Asn Pro Glu Asp Met Arg
470                475                480                485

cca tat tgc tgg cac tac cca cca aaa cag tgt ggc gta gtc ccc gca   1843
Pro Tyr Cys Trp His Tyr Pro Pro Lys Gln Cys Gly Val Val Pro Ala
                490                495                500

ggg acc gtg tgc ggc cca gtg tac tgt ttc acc cct agc ccg gtg gta   1891
Gly Thr Val Cys Gly Pro Val Tyr Cys Phe Thr Pro Ser Pro Val Val
            505                510                515

gtg ggc acg acc gat aga ctt gga gtg cct act tac acg tgg gga gag   1939
Val Gly Thr Thr Asp Arg Leu Gly Val Pro Thr Tyr Thr Trp Gly Glu
        520                525                530

aat gag aca gat gtc ttc cta ttg aac agc acc cga cca ccg tcg ggg   1987
Asn Glu Thr Asp Val Phe Leu Leu Asn Ser Thr Arg Pro Pro Ser Gly
    535                540                545

tca tgg ttt ggc tgc acg tgg atg aac tcc act ggc ttc acc aag acc   2035
Ser Trp Phe Gly Cys Thr Trp Met Asn Ser Thr Gly Phe Thr Lys Thr
550                555                560                565

tgc ggc gca cca ccc tgc cgc act aga gct gac ttc aat acc agc aca   2083
Cys Gly Ala Pro Pro Cys Arg Thr Arg Ala Asp Phe Asn Thr Ser Thr
                570                575                580

gat ctg ttg tgc ccc acg gac tgt ttt aga aaa cat cct gaa gcc act   2131
Asp Leu Leu Cys Pro Thr Asp Cys Phe Arg Lys His Pro Glu Ala Thr
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          585                 590                 595

tac atc aaa tgt ggt tcc ggg cct tgg ctc acg cca aag tgt ctg gtt   2179
Tyr Ile Lys Cys Gly Ser Gly Pro Trp Leu Thr Pro Lys Cys Leu Val
       600                 605                 610

gac tac ccc tac agg ctc tgg cat tac cct tgc aca gtc aat tac tcc   2227
Asp Tyr Pro Tyr Arg Leu Trp His Tyr Pro Cys Thr Val Asn Tyr Ser
   615                 620                 625

acc ttc aag atc agg atg tat gtg ggg gga gtt gag cac agg ctc atg   2275
Thr Phe Lys Ile Arg Met Tyr Val Gly Gly Val Glu His Arg Leu Met
630                 635                 640                 645

gcc gcg tgc aat ttc act cgt ggg gat cgc tgc aac ttg gag gat agg   2323
Ala Ala Cys Asn Phe Thr Arg Gly Asp Arg Cys Asn Leu Glu Asp Arg
                650                 655                 660

gac aga agt caa cag act cct ctg ttg cac tcc acc acg gaa tgg gcc   2371
Asp Arg Ser Gln Gln Thr Pro Leu Leu His Ser Thr Thr Glu Trp Ala
          665                 670                 675

att ttg ccc tgc tct ttc tca gac ttg ccc gct ttg tcg act ggt ctt   2419
Ile Leu Pro Cys Ser Phe Ser Asp Leu Pro Ala Leu Ser Thr Gly Leu
       680                 685                 690

ctc cac ctc cac caa aat atc gtg gac gta caa tat atg tat ggc ctg   2467
Leu His Leu His Gln Asn Ile Val Asp Val Gln Tyr Met Tyr Gly Leu
   695                 700                 705

tca cct gcc ctc aca caa tat atc gtt cga tgg gag tgg gta gta ctc   2515
Ser Pro Ala Leu Thr Gln Tyr Ile Val Arg Trp Glu Trp Val Val Leu
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710                 715                 720                 725

tta ttc ctg ctc cta gcg gac gcc agg gtc tgc gcc tgc ttg tgg atg   2563
Leu Phe Leu Leu Leu Ala Asp Ala Arg Val Cys Ala Cys Leu Trp Met
                730                 735                 740

ctc atc ttg ctg ggc caa gcc gaa gca gca ctg gag aag ctg gtc gtc   2611
Leu Ile Leu Leu Gly Gln Ala Glu Ala Ala Leu Glu Lys Leu Val Val
            745                 750                 755

ttg cac gct gcg agc gca gct agc tgc aat ggc ttc ctg tat ttt gtc   2659
Leu His Ala Ala Ser Ala Ala Ser Cys Asn Gly Phe Leu Tyr Phe Val
        760                 765                 770

atc ttt ctc gtg gct gct tgg cac atc aag ggt agg gtg gtc ccc ttg   2707
Ile Phe Leu Val Ala Ala Trp His Ile Lys Gly Arg Val Val Pro Leu
    775                 780                 785

gct gct tat tcc ctt act ggc ctg tgg ccg ttc tgc cta ctg ctc cta   2755
Ala Ala Tyr Ser Leu Thr Gly Leu Trp Pro Phe Cys Leu Leu Leu Leu
790                 795                 800                 805

gca ctg ccc cag cag gct tac gcc tat gat gca tct gtg cac gga cag   2803
Ala Leu Pro Gln Gln Ala Tyr Ala Tyr Asp Ala Ser Val His Gly Gln
                810                 815                 820

gtg ggc gcg gct ttg cta gta ctg att acc ctc ttt aca ctc acc ccg   2851
Val Gly Ala Ala Leu Leu Val Leu Ile Thr Leu Phe Thr Leu Thr Pro
            825                 830                 835

ggg tat aag acc ctt ctc agc cag tcc ctg tgg tgg ttg tgc tat ctc   2899
Gly Tyr Lys Thr Leu Leu Ser Gln Ser Leu Trp Trp Leu Cys Tyr Leu
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       840                 845                 850

ctg acc ctg gcg gaa acc atg gtc cag gag tgg gca cca tcc atg cag  2947
Leu Thr Leu Ala Glu Thr Met Val Gln Glu Trp Ala Pro Ser Met Gln
    855                 860                 865

gcg cgc ggc ggc cgt gat ggc atc ata tgg gcc gcc acc ata ttt tgc  2995
Ala Arg Gly Gly Arg Asp Gly Ile Ile Trp Ala Ala Thr Ile Phe Cys
870                 875                 880                 885

ccg ggc gta gtg ttt gac ata acc aag tgg ctc tta gcg gtg ctt ggg  3043
Pro Gly Val Val Phe Asp Ile Thr Lys Trp Leu Leu Ala Val Leu Gly
                890                 895                 900

cct ggt tac ctc cta aga ggt gct ttg acg cgc gtg cca tat ttc gtc  3091
Pro Gly Tyr Leu Leu Arg Gly Ala Leu Thr Arg Val Pro Tyr Phe Val
            905                 910                 915

aga gcc cac gct ctg ctg aga atg tgc act atg gtg agg cac ctc gcg  3139
Arg Ala His Ala Leu Leu Arg Met Cys Thr Met Val Arg His Leu Ala
        920                 925                 930

ggg ggt agg tac gtc cag atg gcg cta tta gcc ctt ggc agg tgg act  3187
Gly Gly Arg Tyr Val Gln Met Ala Leu Leu Ala Leu Gly Arg Trp Thr
    935                 940                 945

ggc act tac atc tat gac cac ctc acc cct atg tcg gat tgg gct gct  3235
Gly Thr Tyr Ile Tyr Asp His Leu Thr Pro Met Ser Asp Trp Ala Ala
950                 955                 960                 965

agc ggc ctg cgg gac ttg gcg gtc gct gtg gag cct atc atc ttc agt  3283
Ser Gly Leu Arg Asp Leu Ala Val Ala Val Glu Pro Ile Ile Phe Ser
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ccg atg gag aag aaa gtc atc gtt tgg gga gcg gag acg gct gcg tgc   3331
Pro Met Glu Lys Lys Val Ile Val Trp Gly Ala Glu Thr Ala Ala Cys
            985                 990                 995

ggg gac atc ttg cac gga ctt ccc gtg tcc gcc cga ctc ggt cgg gag   3379
Gly Asp Ile Leu His Gly Leu Pro Val Ser Ala Arg Leu Gly Arg Glu
       1000                1005                1010

atc ctc ctt ggc cca gct gat ggc tac acc tcc aag ggg tgg aag ctt   3427
Ile Leu Leu Gly Pro Ala Asp Gly Tyr Thr Ser Lys Gly Trp Lys Leu
   1015                1020                1025

ctc gcc ccc atc acc gct tac gcc cag cag aca cga ggt ctc ttg ggc   3475
Leu Ala Pro Ile Thr Ala Tyr Ala Gln Gln Thr Arg Gly Leu Leu Gly
1030                1035                1040                1045

tct ata gtg gtg agc atg acg ggg cgt gac aag aca gaa cag gcc ggg   3523
Ser Ile Val Val Ser Met Thr Gly Arg Asp Lys Thr Glu Gln Ala Gly
              1050                1055                1060

gag gtc caa gtc ctg tcc aca gtc act cag tcc ttc ctc gga aca tcc   3571
Glu Val Gln Val Leu Ser Thr Val Thr Gln Ser Phe Leu Gly Thr Ser
          1065                1070                1075

att tcg ggg gtc tta tgg act gtt tac cac gga gct ggc aac aag aca   3619
Ile Ser Gly Val Leu Trp Thr Val Tyr His Gly Ala Gly Asn Lys Thr
       1080                1085                1090

cta gcc ggc tcg cgg ggc ccg gtc acg cag atg tac tcg agc gcc gag   3667
Leu Ala Gly Ser Arg Gly Pro Val Thr Gln Met Tyr Ser Ser Ala Glu
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ggg gac ttg gtc ggg tgg ccc agc cct cct ggg acc aaa tct ttg gag   3715
Gly Asp Leu Val Gly Trp Pro Ser Pro Pro Gly Thr Lys Ser Leu Glu
1110                1115                1120                1125

ccg tgt acg tgt gga gcg gtc gac ctg tat ttg gtc acg cgg aac gct   3763
Pro Cys Thr Cys Gly Ala Val Asp Leu Tyr Leu Val Thr Arg Asn Ala
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gat gtc atc ccg gct cga aga cgc ggg gac aag cgg gga gcg ctg ctc   3811
Asp Val Ile Pro Ala Arg Arg Arg Gly Asp Lys Arg Gly Ala Leu Leu
            1145                1150                1155

tcc ccg aga ccc ctt tcg acc ttg aag ggg tcc tcg ggg gga cct gtg   3859
Ser Pro Arg Pro Leu Ser Thr Leu Lys Gly Ser Ser Gly Gly Pro Val
        1160                1165                1170

ctt tgc cct agg ggc cac gct gtc gga atc ttc cgg gca gct gtg tgc   3907
Leu Cys Pro Arg Gly His Ala Val Gly Ile Phe Arg Ala Ala Val Cys
    1175                1180                1185

tct cgg ggt gtg gct aag tcc ata gat ttc atc ccc gtt gag acg ctc   3955
Ser Arg Gly Val Ala Lys Ser Ile Asp Phe Ile Pro Val Glu Thr Leu
1190                1195                1200                1205

gac atc gtc acg cgg tct ccc acc ttt agt gac aac agc aca cca cca   4003
Asp Ile Val Thr Arg Ser Pro Thr Phe Ser Asp Asn Ser Thr Pro Pro
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gct gtg ccc cag acc tat cag gtg ggg tac ttg cac gcc ccc act ggc   4051
Ala Val Pro Gln Thr Tyr Gln Val Gly Tyr Leu His Ala Pro Thr Gly
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agt gga aaa agc acc aag gtc ccc gtc gcg tac gcc gcc cag ggg tat   4099
Ser Gly Lys Ser Thr Lys Val Pro Val Ala Tyr Ala Ala Gln Gly Tyr
       1240                1245                1250

aaa gtg ctg gtg ctc aat ccc tcg gtg gct gcc acc ctg gga ttt ggg   4147
Lys Val Leu Val Leu Asn Pro Ser Val Ala Ala Thr Leu Gly Phe Gly
   1255                1260                1265

gcg tac ttg tcc aag gca cat ggc atc aac ccc aac att agg act gga   4195
Ala Tyr Leu Ser Lys Ala His Gly Ile Asn Pro Asn Ile Arg Thr Gly
1270                1275                1280                1285

gtc aga act gtg acg acc ggg gag ccc att aca tac tcc acg tat ggt   4243
Val Arg Thr Val Thr Thr Gly Glu Pro Ile Thr Tyr Ser Thr Tyr Gly
               1290                1295                1300

aaa ttc ctc gcc gat ggg ggc tgc gca ggc ggc gcc tat gac atc atc   4291
Lys Phe Leu Ala Asp Gly Gly Cys Ala Gly Gly Ala Tyr Asp Ile Ile
          1305                1310                1315

ata tgc gat gaa tgc cac tct gtg gat gct acc act att ctc ggc atc   4339
Ile Cys Asp Glu Cys His Ser Val Asp Ala Thr Thr Ile Leu Gly Ile
       1320                1325                1330

ggg aca gtc ctt gac caa gca gag aca gcc ggg gtc agg cta act gta   4387
Gly Thr Val Leu Asp Gln Ala Glu Thr Ala Gly Val Arg Leu Thr Val
   1335                1340                1345

ctg gcc acg gcc acg ccc ccc ggg tcg gtg aca acc ccc cat ccc aat   4435
Leu Ala Thr Ala Thr Pro Pro Gly Ser Val Thr Thr Pro His Pro Asn
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ata gag gag gta gcc ctc gga cag gag ggt gag atc ccc ttc tat ggg   4483
Ile Glu Glu Val Ala Leu Gly Gln Glu Gly Glu Ile Pro Phe Tyr Gly
                1370                1375                1380

agg gcg ttt ccc ctg tct tac atc aag gga ggg agg cac ttg att ttc   4531
Arg Ala Phe Pro Leu Ser Tyr Ile Lys Gly Gly Arg His Leu Ile Phe
            1385                1390                1395

tgc cac tca aag aaa aag tgt gac gag ctc gca acg gcc ctt cgg ggc   4579
Cys His Ser Lys Lys Lys Cys Asp Glu Leu Ala Thr Ala Leu Arg Gly
        1400                1405                1410

atg ggc ttg aac gct gtg gca tat tac aga ggg ttg gac gtc tcc ata   4627
Met Gly Leu Asn Ala Val Ala Tyr Tyr Arg Gly Leu Asp Val Ser Ile
    1415                1420                1425

ata cca act caa gga gat gtg gtg gtc gtt gcc acc gac gcc ctc atg   4675
Ile Pro Thr Gln Gly Asp Val Val Val Val Ala Thr Asp Ala Leu Met
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acg ggg tat act gga gac ttt gac tcc gtg atc gac tgc aac gta gcg   4723
Thr Gly Tyr Thr Gly Asp Phe Asp Ser Val Ile Asp Cys Asn Val Ala
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gtc acc cag gcc gta gac ttc agc ctg gac ccc acc ttc act ata acc   4771
Val Thr Gln Ala Val Asp Phe Ser Leu Asp Pro Thr Phe Thr Ile Thr
            1465                1470                1475

aca cag act gtc ccg caa gac gct gtc tca cgt agt cag cgc cga ggg   4819
Thr Gln Thr Val Pro Gln Asp Ala Val Ser Arg Ser Gln Arg Arg Gly
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cgc acg ggt aga gga aga ctg ggc att tat agg tat gtt tcc act ggt   4867
Arg Thr Gly Arg Gly Arg Leu Gly Ile Tyr Arg Tyr Val Ser Thr Gly
   1495                1500                1505

gag cga gcc tca gga atg ttt gac agt gta gta ctc tgt gag tgc tac   4915
Glu Arg Ala Ser Gly Met Phe Asp Ser Val Val Leu Cys Glu Cys Tyr
1510                1515                1520                1525

gac gca gga gct gct tgg tat gag ctc tca cca gtg gag acg acc gtc   4963
Asp Ala Gly Ala Ala Trp Tyr Glu Leu Ser Pro Val Glu Thr Thr Val
                1530                1535                1540

agg ctc agg gcg tat ttc aac acg cct ggc ttg cct gtg tgc cag gac   5011
Arg Leu Arg Ala Tyr Phe Asn Thr Pro Gly Leu Pro Val Cys Gln Asp
          1545                1550                1555

cac ctt gag ttt tgg gag gca gtt ttc acc ggc ctc aca cac ata gac   5059
His Leu Glu Phe Trp Glu Ala Val Phe Thr Gly Leu Thr His Ile Asp
      1560                1565                1570

gct cat ttc ctt tcc cag aca aag cag tcg ggg gaa aat ttc gca tac   5107
Ala His Phe Leu Ser Gln Thr Lys Gln Ser Gly Glu Asn Phe Ala Tyr
   1575                1580                1585

tta gta gcc tat cag gcc aca gtg tgc gcc agg gcc aaa gcg ccc ccc   5155
Leu Val Ala Tyr Gln Ala Thr Val Cys Ala Arg Ala Lys Ala Pro Pro
1590                1595                1600                1605

ccg tcc tgg gac gtc atg tgg aag tgc ttg act cga ctc aag ccc acg   5203
Pro Ser Trp Asp Val Met Trp Lys Cys Leu Thr Arg Leu Lys Pro Thr
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ctt gtg ggc cct aca cct ctc ctg tac cgt ttg ggc tct gtt acc aac   5251
Leu Val Gly Pro Thr Pro Leu Leu Tyr Arg Leu Gly Ser Val Thr Asn
          1625                1630                1635

gag gtc acc ctt aca cac ccc gtg aca aaa tac atc gcc aca tgc atg   5299
Glu Val Thr Leu Thr His Pro Val Thr Lys Tyr Ile Ala Thr Cys Met
       1640                1645                1650

caa gct gac ctc gag gtc atg acc agc acg tgg gtc ctg gct ggg gga   5347
Gln Ala Asp Leu Glu Val Met Thr Ser Thr Trp Val Leu Ala Gly Gly
   1655                1660                1665

gtc tta gca gcc gtc gcc gcg tat tgc tta gcg acc ggg tgt gtt tcc   5395
Val Leu Ala Ala Val Ala Ala Tyr Cys Leu Ala Thr Gly Cys Val Ser
1670                1675                1680                1685

atc att ggc cgt tta cac atc aac cag cga gct gtc gtc gct ccg gac   5443
Ile Ile Gly Arg Leu His Ile Asn Gln Arg Ala Val Val Ala Pro Asp
              1690                1695                1700

aag gag gtc ctc tat gag gct ttt gat gag atg gag gaa tgt gcc tcc   5491
Lys Glu Val Leu Tyr Glu Ala Phe Asp Glu Met Glu Glu Cys Ala Ser
          1705                1710                1715

aga gcg gct ctc ctt gaa gag ggg cag cgg ata gcc gag atg ctg aag   5539
Arg Ala Ala Leu Leu Glu Glu Gly Gln Arg Ile Ala Glu Met Leu Lys
       1720                1725                1730

tcc aag atc caa ggc tta ttg cag caa gcc tct aaa cag gcc cag gac   5587
Ser Lys Ile Gln Gly Leu Leu Gln Gln Ala Ser Lys Gln Ala Gln Asp
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ata caa ccc gct gtg caa gct tcg tgg ccc aag atg gag caa ttc tgg   5635
Ile Gln Pro Ala Val Gln Ala Ser Trp Pro Lys Met Glu Gln Phe Trp
1750                1755                1760                1765

gcc aaa cat atg tgg aac ttc ata agc ggc att cag tac ctc gca gga   5683
Ala Lys His Met Trp Asn Phe Ile Ser Gly Ile Gln Tyr Leu Ala Gly
                1770                1775                1780

ctg tca aca ctg cca ggg aac cct gct gtg gct tcc atg atg gca ttc   5731
Leu Ser Thr Leu Pro Gly Asn Pro Ala Val Ala Ser Met Met Ala Phe
          1785                1790                1795

agc gcc gcc ctc acc agt ccg ttg tca act agc acc acc atc ctt ctt   5779
Ser Ala Ala Leu Thr Ser Pro Leu Ser Thr Ser Thr Thr Ile Leu Leu
      1800                1805                1810

aac att ctg ggg ggc tgg ctg gcg tcc caa att gcg cca ccc gcg ggg   5827
Asn Ile Leu Gly Gly Trp Leu Ala Ser Gln Ile Ala Pro Pro Ala Gly
  1815                1820                1825

gcc act ggc ttt gtt gtc agt ggc ctg gtg gga gct gct gtt ggc agc   5875
Ala Thr Gly Phe Val Val Ser Gly Leu Val Gly Ala Ala Val Gly Ser
1830                1835                1840                1845

ata ggc ttg ggt aaa gtg ctg gtg gac atc ctg gca ggg tat ggt gcg   5923
Ile Gly Leu Gly Lys Val Leu Val Asp Ile Leu Ala Gly Tyr Gly Ala
                1850                1855                1860

ggc att tcg ggg gcc ctc gtc gcg ttt aag atc atg tct ggc gag aag   5971
Gly Ile Ser Gly Ala Leu Val Ala Phe Lys Ile Met Ser Gly Glu Lys
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          1865                1870                1875

ccc tcc atg gag gat gtc atc aac ttg ctg cct ggg att ctg tct cca   6019
Pro Ser Met Glu Asp Val Ile Asn Leu Leu Pro Gly Ile Leu Ser Pro
      1880                1885                1890

ggt gct ctg gtg gtg gga gtc atc tgc gcg gcc att ctg cgc cgc cat   6067
Gly Ala Leu Val Val Gly Val Ile Cys Ala Ala Ile Leu Arg Arg His
   1895                1900                1905

gtg gga ccg ggg gaa ggc gcg gtc caa tgg atg aac agg ctt atc gcc   6115
Val Gly Pro Gly Glu Gly Ala Val Gln Trp Met Asn Arg Leu Ile Ala
1910                1915                1920                1925

ttc gct tcc aga gga aac cac gtc gcc cct act cac tac gtg acg gag   6163
Phe Ala Ser Arg Gly Asn His Val Ala Pro Thr His Tyr Val Thr Glu
              1930                1935                1940

tcg gat gcg tcg cag cgt gtc acc caa ctg ctt ggc tct ctc act ata   6211
Ser Asp Ala Ser Gln Arg Val Thr Gln Leu Leu Gly Ser Leu Thr Ile
          1945                1950                1955

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Thr Ser Leu Leu Arg Arg Leu His Asn Trp Ile Thr Glu Asp Cys Pro
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[Brief Description of Drawings]

[Fig. 1]

Fig. 1 is a schematic view showing procedures for constructing a template DNA for preparing the HCV-RNA replicon according to the present invention. The upper section of Fig. 1 shows the structure of the region within pJFH1 or pJCH1, with the viral genome inserted into it. The lower section of Fig. 1 shows the structure of the region within plasmid DNA pSGREP-JFH1 or pSGREP-JCH1,

with the viral genome inserted into it, that had been constructed by substituting a part of viral genome-inserted region of pJFH1 or pJCH1 with a DNA fragment containing a neomycin resistance gene and EMCV IRES. Symbols in Fig. 1 are as described below. T7, T7 RNA promoter; G, dGTP that was inserted upstream of the 5' end of the inserted DNA derived from JFH-1 or JCH-1 and downstream of the 3' end of T7 RNA promoter sequence; 5' NTR, 5' untranslated region; Core, core protein; and 3' NTR, 3' untranslated region. E1 and E2 represent envelope proteins. NS2, NS3, NS4A, NS4B, NS5A and NS5B represent non-structural proteins. Age I, Cla I and Xba I represent cleavage sites of restriction enzymes Age I, Cla I and Xba I, respectively. GDD, the position of amino acid motif GDD corresponding to the active center of NS5B protein; neo, neomycin resistance gene; and EMCV IRES, internal ribosome entry site of encephalomyocarditis virus (EMCV IRES).

[Fig. 2A]

Fig. 2 shows the nucleotide sequence of rSGREP-JFH1.

[Fig. 2B]

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[Fig. 4]

Fig. 4 shows photographs showing the colony formation of Huh7 cells to which rSGREP-JFH1, rSGREP-JFH1/GND and rSGREP-JFH1/dGDD was transfected, respectively. The amount of each of three transfected RNAs in the upper section was 100 ng and that of three transfected RNAs in the lower section was 300 ng.

[Fig. 5]

Fig. 5 shows photographs showing colony formation of Huh7 cells to which rSGREP-JFH1 and rSGREP-JCH1 respectively had been transfected when the concentration of G418 was 0.5 mg/ml of the medium. The amount of each of these RNAs transfected was 100 ng.

[Fig. 6]

Fig. 6 shows photographs showing the effect of Mung Bean Nuclease treatment conducted on the colony-forming ability of the transfected cells. The amount of rSGREP-JFH1 RNA transfected was 100 ng for both cases. The concentration of G418 was 1.0 mg/ml in both media.

[Fig. 7]

Fig. 7 shows photographs showing colony formation when total cellular RNA derived from the replicon-replicating cell clone, which had been established by transfection of rSGREP-JFH1, was retransfected to another Huh7 cells. The photograph on the left shows that the formation of 96 colonies was observed as a result, when using the total cellular RNA derived from the replicon-replicating cell

clone No. 6. The photograph on the right shows that the formation of 77 colonies was observed as a result, when using the total cellular RNA derived from the pool clones. In both cases, RNA was retransfected in an amount containing 1×10^7 copies of the replicon RNA.

[Fig. 8]

Fig. 8 shows photographs showing the results of detecting by the Northern blot method using an rSGREP-JFH1-specific probe for the total RNA derived from a cell clone that had been obtained by retransfecting the total cellular RNA (derived from the replicon-replicating cell clone established by transfection of rSGREP-JFH1) into another Huh7 cells. Explanation of the lanes is as follows. 10^8 represents sample prepared by adding 10^8 copies of the replicon RNA synthesized in vitro to total RNA extracted from Huh7 cells. 10^7 represents sample prepared by adding 10^7 copies of the replicon RNA synthesized in vitro to total RNA extracted from Huh7 cells. Huh7, total RNA extracted from untransfected Huh7 cells; pool clone, total RNA extracted from the pool clones; and 1-11, total RNA extracted from each of cell clones Nos. 1 to 11. "Replicon RNA" represents the electrophoresed position of a molecular weight marker indicating the size of rSGREP-JFH1, "28S" represents the same of a ribosomal RNA marker indicating the size of molecular weight of 4.5 kb, and "18S" represents the same of a ribosomal RNA marker indicating the size of molecular weight of 1.9 kb.

[Fig. 9]

Fig. 9 shows photographs showing the presence or the absence of the incorporation of a neomycin resistance gene into the genomic DNA of a host cell in the cell clone to which rSGREP-JFH1- or rSGREP-JCH1-derived replicated replicon RNA was retransfected. Explanation of the lanes in the photograph on the left is as follows. M, DNA molecular weight marker; 1-8, rSGREP-JFH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1 to 8; N, untransfected Huh7 cells; and P, positive control (PCR amplification product of the neomycin resistance gene). Furthermore, explanation of the lanes in the photograph on the right is as follows.

M, DNA molecular weight marker; and 1-6, rSGREP-JCH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1 to 6.

[Fig. 10]

Fig. 10 shows photographs showing the results of detecting NS3 protein expressed in the cell clone that was retransfected with rSGREP-JFH1- or rSGREP-JCH1-derived replicated replicon RNA. Lanes 1 to 8 of the photograph on the left represent rSGREP-JFH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1 to 8. Lanes 1-6 of the photograph on the right represent rSGREP-JCH1-derived cell clones Nos. 1 to 6. Lane P of the photograph on the right represents NS3 protein (positive control) and N represents protein extracted from untransfected Huh7 cells (negative control).

[Fig. 11]

Fig. 11 shows the positions of nucleotide mutations in replicon RNAs obtained from 21 cell clones that were established through the re-transfection of rSGREP-JFH1-derived replicated replicon RNA into Huh7 cells. Mutation positions are indicated using bar lines shown with nucleotide numbers listed in Table 4. A thick bar line denotes nonsynonymous substitution and a thin bar line denotes synonymous substitution.

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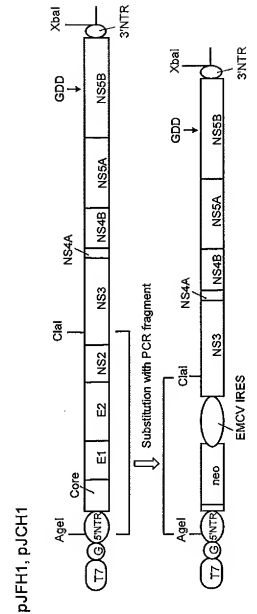

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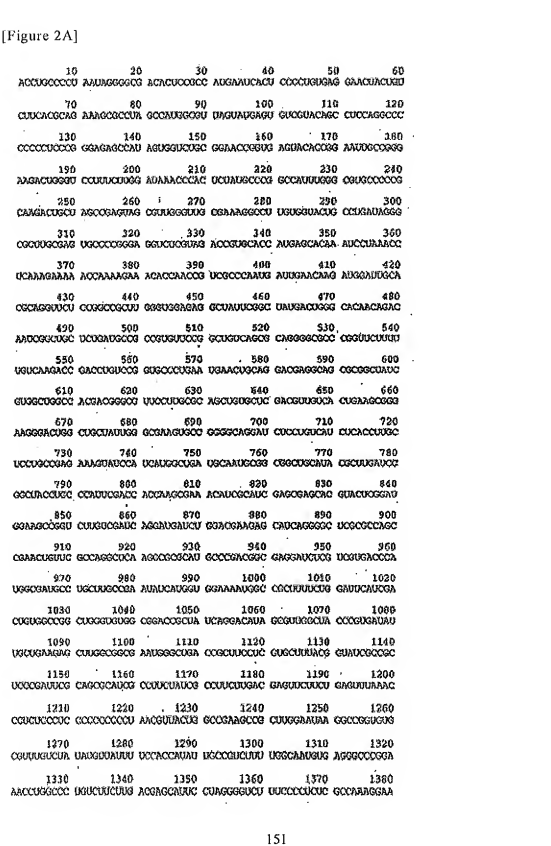

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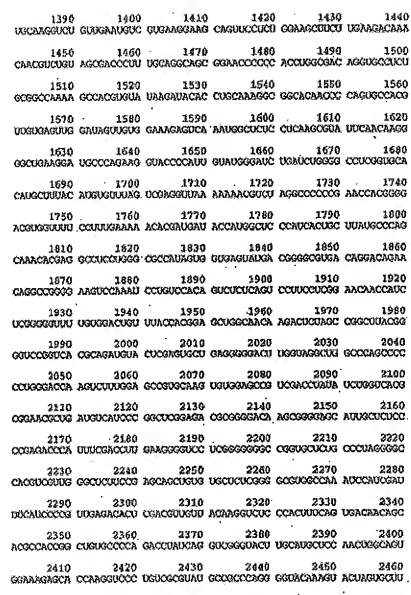

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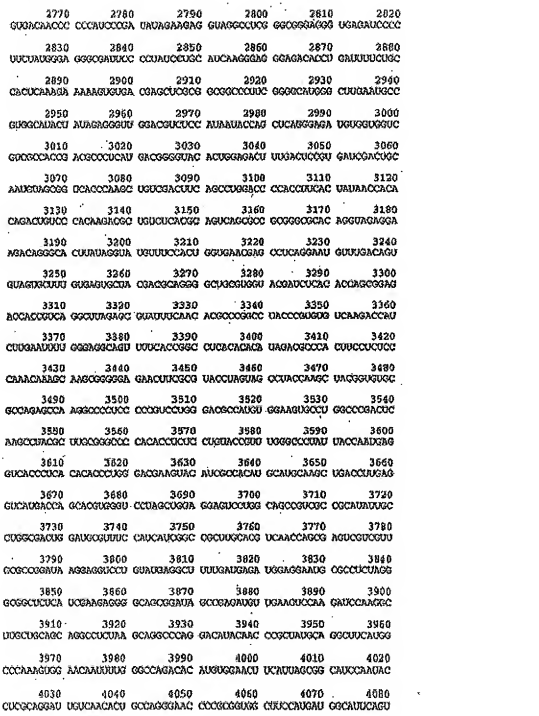

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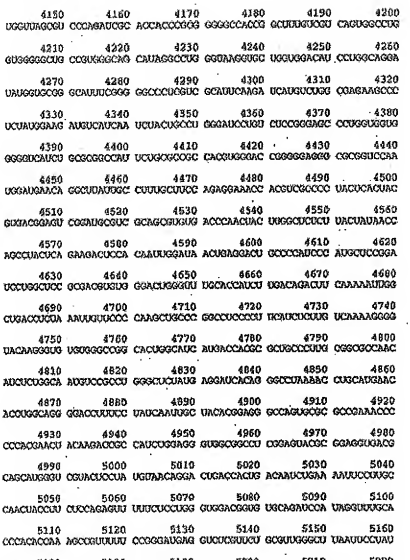

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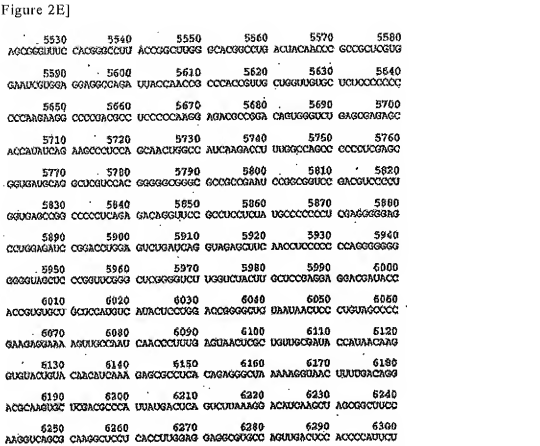
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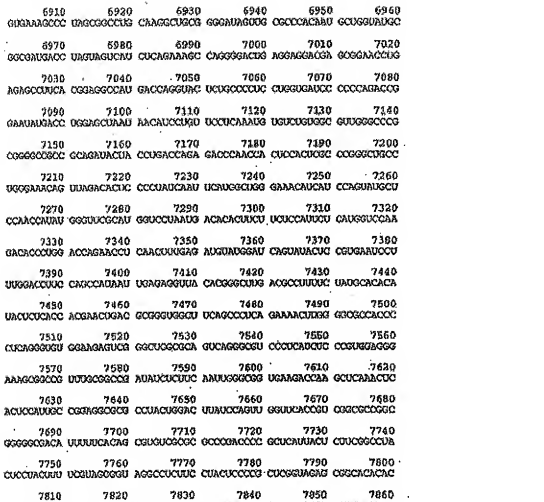
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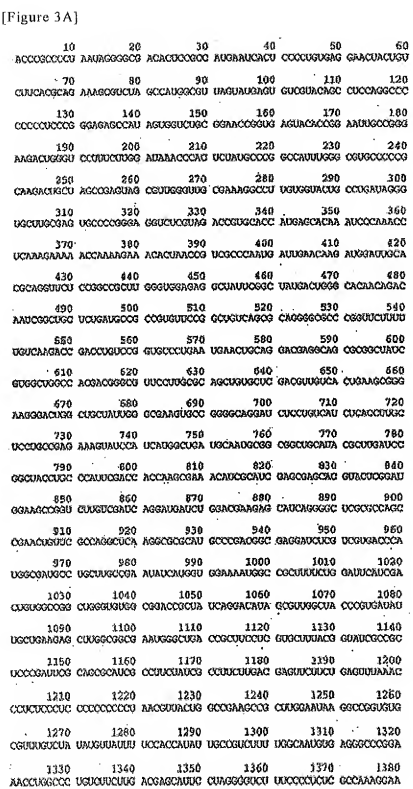

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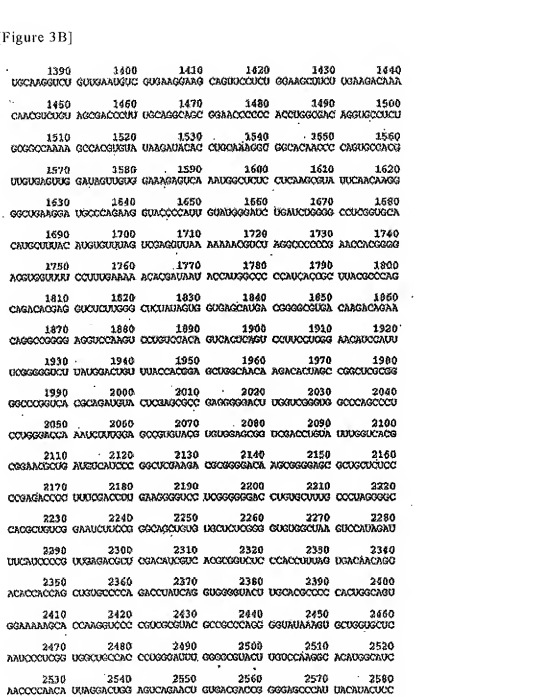
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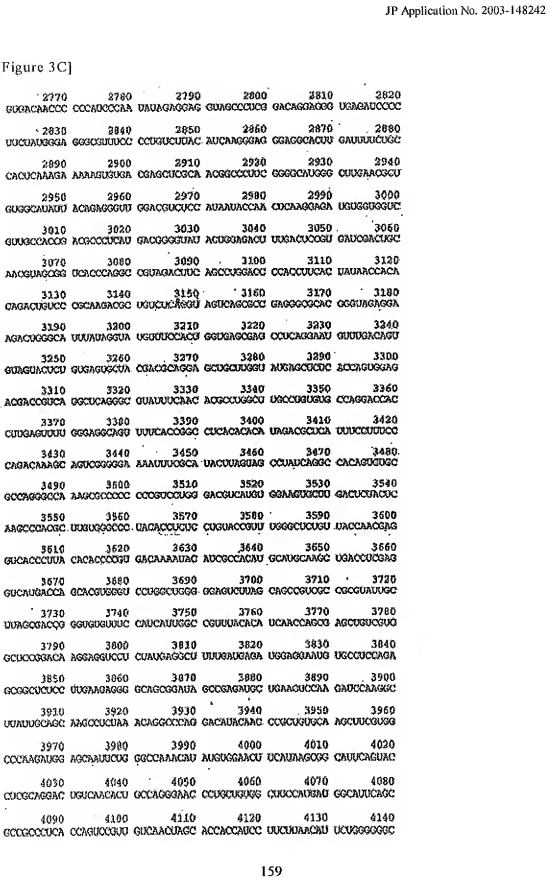
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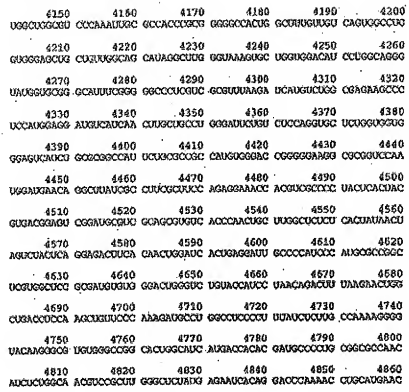
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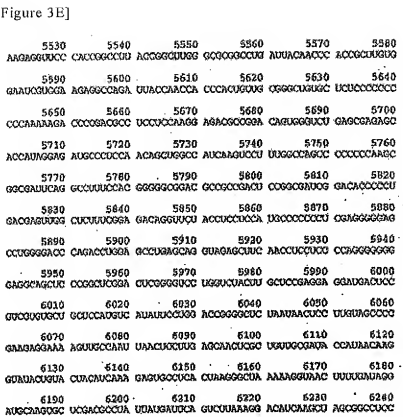

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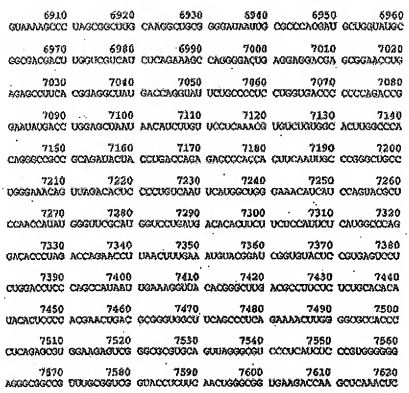
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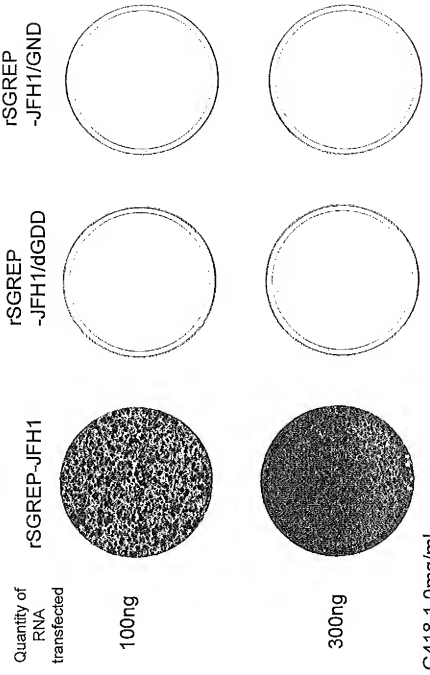
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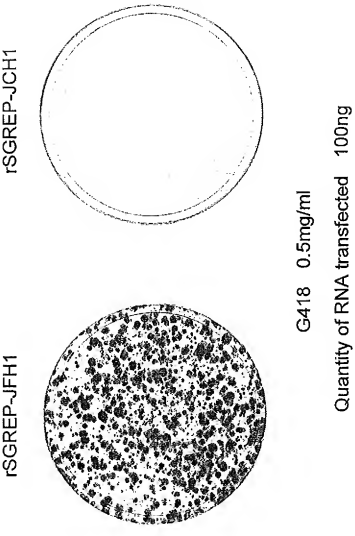
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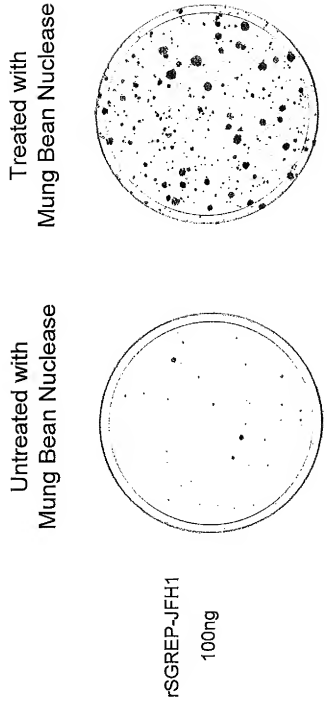
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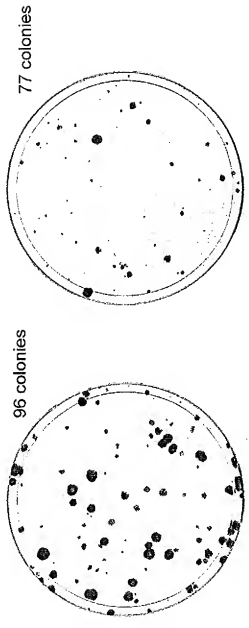
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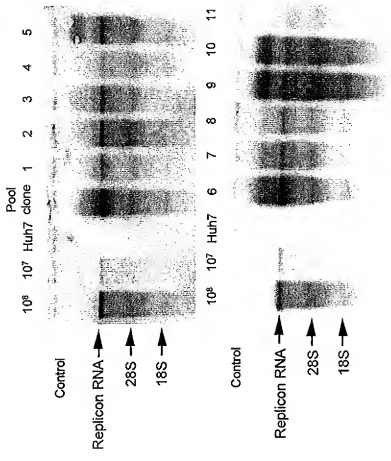
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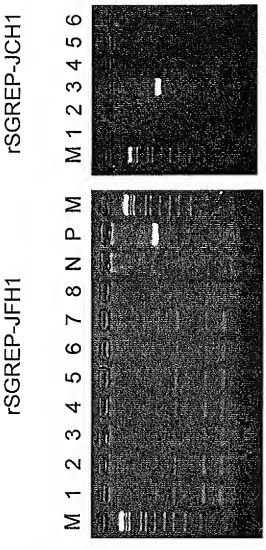

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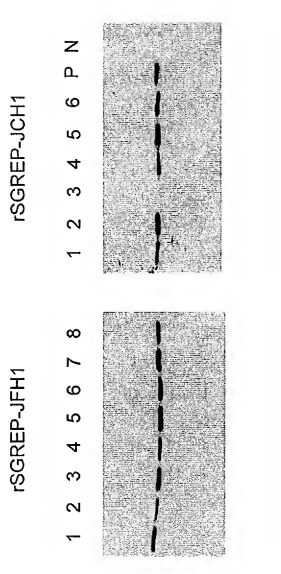

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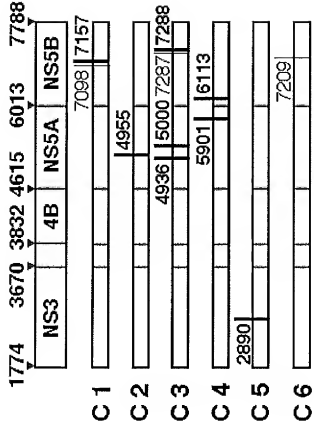
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[Title of Document] ABSTRACT

[Abstract]

[Technical Problem] An object is to provide a replicon RNA that is derived from HCV of a different genotype from genotype 1b.

[Technical Solution] A replicon RNA comprising a nucleotide sequence at least containing the 5' untranslated region, the sequence encoding NS3 protein, NS4A protein, NS4B protein, NS5A protein and NS5B protein, and the 3' untranslated region on the genomic RNA of hepatitis C virus of genotype 2a is provided.

[Selected Drawing] None